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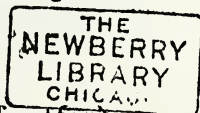
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*1st*  
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At a regular meeting of the Church, held March 4th, 1861, the pastor reminded the members that the 18th of June, would be the *fiftieth anniversary* of the constitution of the church, and proposed that it be observed. This proposition met the views of those who were present, and a committee was appointed to write a history of the church to be read on anniversary day. At a subsequent church meeting it was thought not best to observe the 18th of June, but that exercises appropriate to that day be had on the Sabbath following. Accordingly in the afternoon of Sunday, June 28d, the pastor preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, and in the evening this history was read.

At a church meeting, August 4th, 1861, it was voted that the history of the church with the covenant and list of members be printed. The printing has been delayed in order to add something in regard to the lives of Elder Dickinson and Elder Miller, and some other facts, which though solicited before the history was read, were not received till some time after. To add this matter and prepare the manuscript for the press, required the whole to be rewritten, which it has not been convenient to do till now.

In collecting the materials for this sketch the writer has carefully perused the church and society records, and such papers pertaining to the church as could be found. The constituent and other aged members of the church have been consulted. Much information has been obtained from books and papers left by Mrs. Elizabeth Glover. Most of the former pastors of the church and some other persons were written to, and from some of them valuable contributions have been obtained.

The list of constituent members as printed in 1841, was found to contain some errors, (the original church records having been lost.) That which is now given, except the members of the Killingworth branch, is taken from records kept by Mrs. Glover, and as they were written at the time the church was constituted is believed to be correct.

Essex, June, 1862.

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# HISTORY.

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Fifty years have passed away since the First Baptist Church in Essex was constituted. All the men who were active in its formation are dead, and but four of the women who were numbered among its constituent members are living among us, and nearly half of those who have ever been members have finished their labors in this world, and gone to their reward. But they ought to be remembered by us with gratitude, and the dealings of God with them be recorded for our benefit and the good of those who will soon take our places.

Dr. Benedict in his history of the Baptists says, "The first baptisms according to the Scripture mode, in this state, were in that part of New London, now Waterford; and the first Baptist Church was planted sometime afterward (in the year 1705) in Groton, by a minister from Rhode Island." But till near the beginning of the present century the increase of Baptists in Connecticut was slow, owing in part to laws unfavorable to religious liberty, which were not wholly repealed till the adoption of the new constitution in 1818.

At the commencement of the present century, or about the time the Baptist interest commenced in this village, there were in the State about sixty churches with 3500 members. There were several churches in this vicinity; but we do not know that there was a baptism in this village, or a Baptist living here till the year 1802, when Mrs. Jerusia Hayden was baptised by Elder Jason Lee of East Lyme, and united with the church in that place, where she retained her membership till her death in 1859. In 1805 Mr. Sala Post came out a decided Baptist, (having before been a member of the Congregational church,) was baptised by Elder John Williams of New York, and joined a church in that city. The same year



Mrs. Rebecca Lord, (now Hills) was baptised by Elder George Atwell, and united with the First Baptist Church in Saybrook, (now Winthrop,) where she continued her membership till 1818, when she removed to this church.

While Mr. Sala Post was a member of the church in New York, he did what he could to forward the interest of the Baptist's here. His dwelling was their first place of meeting, and he often brought Baptist ministers here to preach. But in introducing Baptist preaching here another was before him. Mr. Jared Hayden on his conversion in 1804, invited Elder Simeon Dickinson of East Haddam to preach in Essex. His preaching was blessed not only to those who heard him, but to us; for to that good man's humble labors we refer the visible origin of our church. Some souls were soon converted, and some persons who had been members of the Second Congregational church were dissatisfied with their baptism, and on his third visit Elder Dickinson baptised eight persons. On his next visit he baptised seven.

These persons became members of the East Haddam church. Only seven more were added to this number previous to July 1st, 1809.

In records kept by Mrs. Elizabeth Glover, under date of July 1st, 1809, are "the names of members belonging to the Saybrook Branch of the East Haddam Baptist Church." In this list are the names of five males and seventeen females.

About this time there was quite a revival, and during the next two years, or to June 18th, 1811, thirty-one were added to the number mentioned above. All of this number except two were added by baptism.

March 24th, Saturday, five persons were baptised. One of these was Jared Hayden, who, though he dated his conversion in 1804, did not follow his Savior in baptism till this time. The following Sabbath four more persons were baptised. This is mentioned by one who then united with the people of God as an occasion of deep interest, Elder William Parkinson of New York, preached in the forenoon at New City, under a ship there building, and in the afternoon in the Episcopalian meeting-house, and gave the right hand of fellowship to nine persons. This seems to have been the largest number of persons received at any one time, till some years after the church was constituted.



Elder Dickinson preached here as often as he could. Among others who preached here previous to the organization of the church, are mentioned, Elder William Parkinson and Elder John Williams of New York, Elder Anderson of R. I., and Elder William Hubbard.

The place of meeting as before mentioned was at first the house\* of Mr. Sala Post. Meetings were also held in other dwellings; but they soon began to occupy the "great school house," the building now used as a slaughter house. At the period we refer to, it stood near the present site of Mr. Asahel Hayden's residence. There was some inconvenience from singing schools appointed at the school house at the same time the Baptists appointed meetings there. To avoid this Mr. Samuel Williams bought the "great school house," and gave it to the Baptists for a meeting house. This continued to be their usual place of worship till 1817. But they on some occasions obtained the Episcopalian meeting-house, which was then unfinished, though it had then stood where it now stands for more than ten years.

Religious intolerance in Connecticut, at the beginning of the present century, was not what it was fifty or a hundred years before that time; yet the Baptists of this place in separating from another denomination, as many of them did, and establishing a church within the limits of what others called their parish, met with opposition. They were called ignorant and fanatic. It is true that at that time the Baptist ministers of Connecticut were not men of literary culture; but many of them were men of strong mind, and remarkable for their knowledge of the Bible. And it is the plain simple teaching of the New Testament that makes people Baptists. Soon after Elder Dickinson commenced preaching here a congregation met with the Second Congregational Church. In the afternoon when there was preaching the house was crowded; a member of that church who was afterward one of the constituent members of this Baptist Church, said, she heard the text—"Search the Scriptures,"—went out and sat on the door steps, and thought of the text, and it made her a Baptist;

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\*This house is now owned by Brother Spencer, and was recently the Methodist parsonage. In 1822 it was bought by Mrs. Irene Williams, and presented to the Baptists for a parsonage, and was used for that purpose till 1840.

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for according to its command she "*sought the scriptures.*" It is reported that seven members of the same church were affected in the same manner.

Not only were hard speeches and hard sermons made against the Baptists, but dissenters were made to feel the force of civil law. Sala Post, Rueben Post, and some others refused to pay the parish taxes required by the statute; and the officer attempted to carry them to jail. But through his carelessness or ignorance they escaped and returned to their homes. Mr. Samuel Williams afterward paid the taxes for them, and so that trouble ended. Probably the Baptists here encountered less opposition than those in many other places, and with those who suffered, the account of most of their trials has passed away.

The first record on the church book of the transactions of "That branch of the Baptist Church of East Haddam, meeting in Saybrook, Petapague Society," is dated May 25th, 1810, at which meeting Elder Dickinson presided, and Gurdon Smith was clerk. A method of receiving members was adopted, which was the same as that now practiced in this and other Baptist churches, Elder Dickinson, Reuben Post, and Lemuel Dickinson, were appointed standing committee. It was also voted to have "a church meeting on Saturday next preceding the third Sabbath in every month."

December 16th, 1810, "This branch of the East Haddam Church" voted to send pastor Elder Dickinson and delegates to assist in ordaining Elder William Witter, over the First Baptist Church in Saybrook. June 9th, 1811, they sent pastor and delegates to assist in constituting a Baptist Church in North Haven.

The first record of any movement on the part of the Baptists in this place toward being constituted an independent church, is dated Friday evening, June 14th, 1811, when it was voted to call a council for that purpose. Another meeting was held on the 17th, to make preparations, and the council met agreeable to request on the 18th. It was composed of the following members, viz: from the First Church in Groton, Elder John G. Wightman, Dea. Samuel Lamb and Sands Fish; from New London Church, Elder Samuel West and Dea. Jonathan Sizer; from East Haddam Church, Elder Simeon Dickinson and Josiah Hungerford; from Haddam



Church, David Warner and John Warner; from Saybrook Church, Timothy Warner. Elder West was moderator. "A request was received from the Killingworth branch,\* signed by three males and eleven females, that in case a church is constituted in this place, to be received as members, which request was agreed to."

The report of the council was as follows: "This council are unanimously of opinion that there is a church of Christ in this place, and, being certified by Elder Simeon Dickinson and Josiah Hungerford of East Haddam, that the members of that church in this place have their fellowship to unite in church state by themselves, and when united and constituted a church, they are dismissed from East Haddam church,—we do hereby signify our fellowship with them by the name of the Second Baptist Church in Saybrook, and direct the moderator to give them the right-hand of fellowship."

In the evening a sermon was preached by Elder John G. Wightman and the right-hand of fellowship given by the moderator.

Thus a church was organized with sixty-four members. (About twenty of these had been members of the Congregational church.) But they had no pastor. They invited Elder Dickinson to continue with them as usual, but his labors elsewhere prevented his spending much, if any, time in this place, and the church was without a pastor till August 12th, 1812.

Here then Elder Dickinson's labors with this people end. If he was not the first pastor of the Baptist Church in this place, he was the first pastor of the Baptist here; he planted the church which we love and whose interests we ought to cherish, and it is becoming us to pay at least a passing tribute to his memory. The following sketch of his life has been kindly furnished by his daughter now residing in Salem.

"Rev Simeon Dickinson was born in Wethersfield, December 25th, 1757. His parents Jonathan and Hannah Dickinson, were devout and conscientious members of the Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Mr. Lookwood, was pastor and all their children were carefully instructed in the principles of religion. His close application to his studies was remarkable,

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\*There was a branch of the East Haddam Baptist Church at Killingworth, now Clinton, as early as the year 1806.



and in such branches as were taught in the school, he was considered quite a proficient. At the age of fifteen he entered his father's shop as an apprentice to the business of boot and shoe making, and was soon considered a first class workman."

Of his early religious experience I copy the following from a record made by himself in the last years of his life, after a protracted and very painful illness, in which at intervals of severe suffering, his mind was often appalled by distressing doubts of his adoption into the family of the children of God.

"When I was about seventeen years of age, having been long under conviction, and seen myself in danger of destruction and ruin in hell, I had come to the determination to forsake all for my soul's salvation; but could not think the life of a christian a cheerful life, but rather a melancholy one. Not long after this a change took place in my mind, I did not then know what it meant, but I have no doubts now of it being conversion. I now began to think myself one of the happiest creatures in the world, I now looked on my fellow men and saw a great difference among them, not only between professors and profane, but between one professor and another; I saw some that looked like the excellent ones of the earth, as David said, in whom was my delight. I saw that they had an excellent spirit and an excellent way, and I delighted in them in their heavenly conversation, and in joining with them in prayer and praise, and I made choice of this people as my companions forever, whether rich or poor, and from that time to this I have had no more inclination to join with the gay and thoughtless, than I now have when almost eighty years old. It was about this time I made a public profession of religion, uniting with the Presbyterian church."

Soon after the commencement of the American Revolution, he entered the army as drummer. He continued in the service of his country six months, when his health failing he was discharged. He subsequently made a voyage in a privateer. But life in the army and on board the privateer, although he acknowledged it unfavorable to the cultivation of religion, did not destroy or even dim the luster of that inner light, which the love of God shed abroad in the soul,—the light which illumined his pathway even down to old age. He was always ready to speak a word in season for Christ, both to old and young, and this united with the purity of his con-



versation and the correctness of his life, always exerted a salutary influence on those about him.

When he returned to his home, he sought every means of mental culture within his reach. The books which particularly claimed his attention, were mostly the production of several eminent English theologians. These with a few histories he studied with avidity and being blessed with a retentive memory, they furnished him stores of mental wealth. He received assistance in his studies from an English lady of superior education and elevated christian character.

Having spent some years in Massachusetts and New York, in 1783, he was married to Miss Deborah Ackley, and settled in East Haddam. Here he united with the Presbyterian church of which his wife was a member. With the pastor, Rev. Mr. Sweatland, he formed an intimate and life-long friendship. He continued, however, but a few years with the Presbyterian denomination. Having been appointed to collect a minister's tax, he was made acquainted with some of the means by which the ministers of those days obtained their support. He found himself clothed with power to take the last mite from the hand of the poor, but his feelings of humanity would not suffer him to exercise it, and he neglected to collect taxes of such persons, and was compelled by the society to pay the taxes from his own property. A religion that must be supported by sacrificing all the better feelings of the heart, had no charms for him. This with a spirit of intolerance and persecution which prevailed at that time, and a change in his views of baptism, caused him to join the Baptists.

About this time he was visited with a special measure of the spirit of grace and supplication, and soon a number of persons in his neighborhood began to inquire what they must do to be saved, and were soon rejoicing in hope.

At this time his mind was much exercised on the subject of preparing himself for the ministry of the Gospel, and in answer to prayer he was soon satisfied that to this he was called. Endowed with a clear and reflecting mind, and having an ardent desire to benefit his fellow men, he prepared himself as well as he could for the ministry, and was ordained when about thirty years of age. A Baptist church was soon formed in East Haddam. Covenant meetings were held on each





Saturday preceding communion. These meetings were near his residence, and as many of the members were poor and came on foot a number of miles, he entertained them over night and on the Sabbath, frequently to the number of seven or eight at a time. Wealth and distinction were not the object of his ambition. He had no salary, but received only what the people were pleased to give him, which was seldom half sufficient to defray the expense incurred by entertaining so many persons: still this was his practice for many years. His efforts to do good were not confined to the community in which he lived, he was often called to minister in other and distant towns in his native state, also in Rhode Island, in New York and in Boston. Thus he became acquainted with numerous churches and many of the most eminent ministers of his day. On these occasions when traveling from place to place, he never neglected to preach Christ and him crucified. At one time he removed with his family to Haddam, where his preaching was attended with a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and large additions were made to the church. At Essex his labors were greatly blessed. He labored also at Killingworth, (now Clinton,) as arduously, and in some respects as successfully as at Essex, although here as in some other places he met with considerable opposition. But the mildness and gentleness of his manners towards his opponents frequently disarmed their antagonism and attached them to himself. One instance of this kind I have heard related. Several persons who had obtained hope and had presented themselves as candidates for baptism, were assembled for the purpose of relating their experience, and among them a Mrs. S——, whose husband was a violent opposer. Just as she was to relate her experience, Mr. S——, rushed into the room and in the most opprobrious and abusive language attacked Elder Dickinson, forbidding him to baptize his wife. Elder Dickinson raised his hand to his eyes and sat silent till the storm in a degree abated, when he withdrew his hand and with a countenance of the utmost sweetness, in a mild and gentle voice, replied, "For the King's commandment was answer him not." Mr. S——, looked disappointed and abashed, and soon left the room. The next day in a kind and gentlemanly manner he led his wife to the water-side, and from that day always manifested towards my father the warmest friendship.



In his life he was often called to drink deeply of the cup of affliction, being deprived by death not only of every member of his father's family, excepting one brother, but also of his beloved companion and four of his children. But whatever of suffering was allotted as his share, whether of toil, privation, disappointment or sickness, he endured with a christian fortitude and patience, and was enabled in meekness to "kiss the rod." He continued his labors in the ministry and in the workshop, until the infirmities of age gathered thickly upon him, and poor human nature became exhausted.

During a long life, his influence, his counsels, and his kindness were felt and acknowledged by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. As he drew near the close of life, he seemed to breath the very atmosphere of Heaven, often expressing himself willing to wait his appointed time, yet longing to go home and be with his Jesus. On the 19th of April, 1837, he finished his work and his Father suddenly called him to his rest and his reward. He went down to his grave full of years, respected, beloved, and lamented by all who knew him."

Let us return to the history of the infant church. It had a goodly number of members, but only seventeen of them were males. Some of them were men of considerable means and influence, but with a small and unattractive place of worship, and no settled pastor, they must have felt that they had taken a great work upon them. But when we consider that these brethren and sisters had just come out in the face of opposition, daring to do right for conscience, sake, we can not doubt that they were prepared to bear their crosses, and that it was their joy to sustain their meetings.

With the exception of two years the church had no settled pastor till 1818. Sometimes a minister was hired for six months or more. Among those who labored with the church in that way were Elder Gustavus F. Davis and Elder Hubbard. Mr. Jared Hayden, often invited preachers here at his own expense, and any one professing to be a servant of Christ and in fellowship with the Baptists, found a home with brother Sala Post, so that it does not seem that the church was for any long periods destitute of preaching.

July, 1811. The church agreeable to request of their brethren in Killingworth, joined them in setting John Waterhouse apart by ordination for the ministry, but he was never

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considered as pastor or minister of this church, though he sometimes preached here.

The church joined the Stonington Association, October 15th, 1811, sending as delegates to the meeting at North Stonington, Sala Post, Lemuel Dickinson, John Waterhouse, William Carter and Gurdon Smith. Number of members reported in the letter was *sixty-two*.

The first pastor of the church, Oliver Wilson, was ordained August 12th, 1812. The services were held in the Second Congregational meeting house, and were as follows: Sermon by Elder Samuel West, ordaining prayer and charge by Elder Asa Wilcox. Right hand of fellowship by Elder Dickinson. Laying on of hands by all who took part in the ordination including Elder William Witter. Mr. Wilson continued with the church till October 23d, 1814.

During his ministry, three were added to the church by baptism, and three by letter. His ministry was not of a character to increase the outward influence or spiritual life of the church.

January 16th, 1814, Reuben Post was chosen deacon. There had been no deacons appointed before this time, but Reuben Post by general desire of the church had served them in that capacity. The reason for formally appointing a deacon at this time, seems to have been, that he might receive a legacy of fifty dollars, left by Miss Betsy Hayden, to the church, in care of the deacons, the interest to be given to their poor. It is still appropriated to this object.

During this year 1814, Mr. Jared Hayden died, and left all his property amounting to \$6,443, to the church.

It is proper here that we should do something more than merely mention the name of this benefactor of the church.

Mr. Jared Hayden the son of Ebeneazer Hayden, was born in Saybrook, the part now known as Essex, 1767. Both he and his father were merchants. His father attended the Congregational church, but was not a professor of religion.

Jared Hayden had his attention called to the subject of his souls salvation in seeing how a christian could die, as he witnessed the peaceful and happy death of a sister; this event made such an impression as he trusted resulted in the conversion of his soul. Soon after his conversion, he heard Elder Dickinson preach at East Haddam. The result of this has

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already been told. Though he was the first to invite a Baptist preacher here, he saw many descend into the baptismal waters ere he followed the example of his Savior. He with four others was baptized by Elder John Williams March 24th, 1810. He was an active and earnest christian. Owing to diffidence, he seldom if ever spoke in public, yet he was not like many professors, silent on religious subjects, for in private he would warn the impenitent and try to lead them to Jesus.

He was a zealous Baptist, and gave liberally of his means for the support of the Baptist cause. Of his love for the church we need no better evidence than his last bequest. His will was dated but four days after the constitution of the church. He was a man of feeble constitution and his work was soon done.

At the east end of the old burying ground his grave is marked by a plain marble slab, with this inscription,

"In

Memory of

Mr. Jared Hayden,

son of

Mr. Ebenezer Hayden,

Who died April 3d, 1814. Æ 47."

"My dearest friends they dwell above,

Them have I gone to see,

And all my friends in Christ below

Shall soon come after me."

The church now having means began to think of building a house of worship. Something more than \$1,800 was raised by subscription, which with \$1,500 from the estate of Jared Hayden, was nearly the cost of the building. Mr. Samuel Williams gave the church the tract of land now known as Baptist Hill, for a building lot. The house was completed and dedicated in the fall of 1817, but meetings had been held in it sometime before it was finished.

Elder Asa Wilcox, then of Lyme, preached the dedication sermon from these words; "I was glad when they said unto me let us go unto the house of the Lord." The house was not large being 50 by 38 feet, yet was commodious for the church





at that time. According to the wish of Mr. Hayden it was built of brick. It had a small tower in which hung a bell, which those who used to hear it say excelled in tone any now in our village.

At the same meeting November 26th, 1817, at which arrangements were made for the sale of slips, a committee was appointed to invite Rev. Asa Wilcox, to become pastor of the church. Mr. Wilcox accepted the call and commenced his labors here April 24th, 1818.

In a letter written to the New London Association, which met at Waterford in October, 1817, the number of members reported was *sixty-one*. It will be noticed that during more than six years since the church was constituted it had not increased in membership. Fourteen members had been added, but this number was less than the loss by death and otherwise.

In October 1818, the Association met with this church. At the close of the meeting of the association, Reuben Post, and Sala Post were ordained deacons,—Sala Post having been chosen the September previous. Till that time Reuben Post had been the only deacon of the church. These were the only deacons the church has ever ordained.

The church now having considerable property, obtained an act of incorporation, May 1819.

During the first two years of Elder Wilcox's ministry, there were in all but seven additions to the church, but during the third year fifty were added. There were then one hundred and seven members. From this time there were some additions every year till the close of his ministry, April 1828. The church then had one hundred and one members, having in 1825 dismissed *twenty seven* members to form a church in Killingworth.

Among those removed by death during the ministry of Elder Wilcox, was Deacon Sala Post, who died June 18th, 1821, in the 51st year of his age. In him the church lost one of its most active and efficient members.

It is proper to mention, that it was by the exertion of Elder Wilcox that a Sabbath School in connection with the church was commenced. His son Asa was the first superintendent.

A memoir of Elder Wilcox was several years ago published in the Christian Secretary, from which we make the following extracts :



"Rev. Asa Wilcox was born in Westerly, R. I., September 1st, 1764. His father Isaiah Wilcox was for twenty-five years pastor of a Baptist Church in his native town. He said of himself: "When not more than seven or eight years of age, I used to retire by myself for secret prayer, although like Samuel I hardly knew the voice of him that spake. The common pleasures and recreations of childhood were often embittered by the thought that 'for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.' In the winter of 1785-6 according to my common practice I retired in the evening for prayer, went into the fields and knelt down,—the Heavens bowed, my soul was enlarged in prayer, and O what desire for the glory of Emanuel, for the spread of the gospel and conversion of sinners! I dedicated myself anew to the Lord. The next Sabbath he offered himself to the church for baptism and was received.

In the spring of 1792, Mr. Wilcox removed to Connecticut, where he married and settled in the part of Colchester, now Salem, where he engaged in mercantile business.

His feelings in regard to preaching the gospel were as remarkable as those he experienced before his baptism. He did not give himself up to the ministry till he felt that the wrath of God was upon him if he did not. He says, "I commenced speaking in public in the spring of 1797, abandoned the mercantile business and was ordained in February, 1802. He preached to the church in Salem thirteen years. He went to Lyme in 1810. To the church there he ministered eight years. In 1818 he became pastor of the Baptist church in Essex. In 1828 having passed the meridian and vigor of his days and being worn down with the toils of life, and the infirmities of age, being also influenced by the desolate state of the church he had left so long before, he moved back to Salem where he possessed a small estate, to spend the evening of his days. He labored with the churches in Salem and Bozrah, till the winter of 1830-1. In April following he was seized with a stroke of paralysis, from which he never but partially recovered. He died January 4th, 1834.

In regard to his character as a preacher it is said, "He was established in the doctrines of the Calvinistic Baptists generally, and defended their sentiments. His preaching was argumentative rather than pathetic, appealing to the judgment and

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conscience rather than to the passions. On some occasions he became elevated and rose with the importance of the subject to a great power of thought and expression.

He was buried in Salem in a family burying ground on his own farm; but in the fall of 1854 his remains with those of his family, were removed to Essex, where they now repose near the meeting-house. The monument that marks the place was erected by the New London Association.

In 1826 consequent upon new enactments by the Legislature of the State, the church was again incorporated with the name of the "Second Baptist Church and Society in Saybrook."

The church was without a pastor till August 1828, when Elder Pierpont Bocket, accepted a call of the church and commenced his labors as pastor. During his ministry of seven years in this place, ninety-four were added to the church by baptism and fifteen by letter. He resigned his charge August 1835. The church then had one hundred and fifty-one members, having in April 1830, dismissed fifteen members to form a church in Deep River.

January 7th, 1836, Blyn Tyler was chosen deacon, no deacon having been appointed before since the death of Sala Post.

The church continued without a pastor till April 1836, when Elder Henry R. Knapp, having accepted a call of the church, commenced his labors. He was pastor of the church till April 1840, when he resigned his charge. During his ministry of four years, nine were added to the church by baptism, six by letter, and two by experience, and at the close of his ministry there were one hundred and forty-six members.

In 1837 the church built a conference house. This building was sold 1845, and is now the "Point School-house."

Rev. William G. Miller, having accepted a call of the church commenced his labors as pastor, April 1st, 1840.

December 7th, 1840, Alanson H. Hough, Asa Parker and Elias Redfield were chosen deacons. Mr. Redfield never accepted the appointment.

Mr. Miller labored faithfully with the church for five years, when he was removed by death, April 13th, 1845. During his ministry, fifty-six were added to the church by baptism, ten by letter and four by experience. Mr. Miller was a devoted and beloved pastor; the church deeply mourned his loss.



The following particulars in regard to his life and character have been furnished by his widow and Elder Henry R. Knapp.

Rev. William G. Miller, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, September 1803, where he remained attending school at an academy till 1816. When thirteen years old he left home with Capt. Holt and wife of Bermuda, to visit his half-brother who lived a neighbor to them. Mrs. Holt became so much attached to him that she wished to adopt him as her son, and he obtained consent of his parents to remain with her. After three years Mrs. Holt removed to New York city, where, in the providence of God, Mr. Miller, then a lad of sixteen, was led by curiosity to hear Elder Vanvelzor a Baptist preacher famed for his eccentricities. The first time he heard him, it is believed the Holy Spirit accompanied the word to his heart; and under his preaching he was converted and by him baptized. He soon felt it his duty to proclaim the "glad tidings of salvation" to the perishing world, and in order to prepare himself he entered the seminary at Hamilton, in the summer of 1820, where he pursued a regular course of study of four years. He then returned to the city, and a little band of Baptists, then meeting in Orange Street, called him to be their pastor, and he was ordained in 1826. He remained with this church about fourteen years; during which time they twice changed their place of worship and their name, finally assuming the name of the "Bethel Baptist Church." From that church he was called to the Essex Baptist Church, where he labored five years. Though of feeble health, he continued his labors of preaching and visiting his flock till within a few weeks of his death. He died suddenly of consumption, in New York, in the 43d year of his age. "The work assigned him was finished."

"In person, Mr. Miller was prepossessing, in disposition exceedingly amiable, he possessed rare qualifications for the ministry, having a voice of great compass, depth and power, yet sweet as the lute in its tone; and a remarkably tenacious memory, which was well stored by extensive reading and at command when required for use. His style was flowing, terse and impressive. His sermons were thoroughly studied, and were never superficial, but profound and well analyzed. While the melody of his voice attracted the ear, the truth penetrated the heart. Ardent in his temperament and communications, yet





sweetly pathetic, he was listened to with delight. He was very successful in the city as well as in Essex. His doctrinal sentiments were highly Calvinistic. As a pastor he had few equals, taking heed to *all* the flock, none were overlooked or slighted.

His defect of character, (for it was a defect as it abridged his usefulness,) was his excessive modesty, seeking retirement and loving obscurity. His own flock were the center and circumference of his associations. It was almost impossible to get him to speak on public occasions or write for the press, for which he had rare abilities; hence it is that so little is known of his superior powers as a writer and speaker. His labors were much blessed to the churches to which he ministered. His death was a severe blow not only to his family and friends by whom he was almost idolized, but to the church it was a shock from which they have not recovered to this day, as they have never been so firmly united in any pastor since."

The church felt their bereavement more, because two strong pillars had just fallen; Mr. Elias Redfield having died September 15th, 1844, in the 52d year of his age, and Mr. Joseph Hayden, December 24th, of the same year, aged 46 years.

Mr. Hayden was one of the most zealous and efficient members the church has ever had; besides his devotion to her general interests, he made the Sabbath School an object of particular regard. He was superintendent for many years and we have a substantial token of his interest in this cause in the legacy he left of \$500 to the Sabbath school, the interest of which is to be invested in books.

The death of the pastor and these two members is beautifully alluded to in the following lines from poetry composed on the death of Elder Miller.

"The watchman hath fallen,—three brothers now meet,  
All fresh from earth's toils in yon Heaven to greet;  
Heaven-born in their spirits, being pilgrims on earth,  
They have gone to the Paradise land of their birth."

In the spring of 1844, by an act of the legislature, the name of the church and society was changed to the "First Baptist Church and Society of Essex."

From the death of Elder Miller, the church was without a pastor till the following August, when Rev. William H. Card



accepted a call of the church and became their pastor. He continued with them one year. During his ministry twenty were added to the church by baptism and eight by letter.

During the years 1845-6 our present house of worship and parsonage were built. The meeting house was dedicated June 23d, 1846. Rev. William G. Howard, then of Middletown preached on the occasion.

Rev. Henry Bromley labored with the church from September 1846 to March 1847, when Rev. William G. Howard accepted a call from the church and entered on the pastoral labors. He was with the church till September, 1849. During his ministry of two and a half years but one was added to the church by baptism and five by letter. At the close of his ministry the church had 198 members.

In December of the same year Rev. Marvin Eastwood became pastor of the church and remained one year. During his ministry there were added to the church by baptism sixty-one, five by letter and two by experience. The church reported to the association at this time, (December, 1850,) 273 members, a number having been restored.

They remained without a pastor till September, 1851, when Rev. Joseph A. Bailey having accepted a call and commenced his labors as pastor, and was ordained by a council called October 22d, 1851. He resigned his pastoral connection with the Church June 24th, 1855, though at the request of the committee, supplied them till the following September. During his ministry of four years, eleven were added by baptism, and nineteen by letter. Number of members at the close of his ministry 239.

Jeremiah Gladwin was chosen deacon March, 1856.

Rev. Silas Isley commenced his labors with the church as pastor, November, 1856. He presented his resignation in November 1858, but remained with the church till the following May. The additions during his ministry were by baptism fifty-three, by letter eleven, by experience one.

Rev. Bradford H. Lincoln\* commenced his labors with us July, 1859. Since this history was read before the church, he has closed his labors with us, his resignation taking effect

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\* Brother Lincoln died in Meriden, May 3d, 1862.



March 1st, 1862. Additions during his ministry were by letter, eight.

In the fall of 1859, the church obtained dismissal from the New London Association, and joined the New Haven Association.

In October 1859, we were called to mourn the loss of Deacon Reuben Post, who died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was the last of the constituent male members of the church. He had been a professor of religion fifty-two years and a deacon forty-five years.

More recently April 14th, 1860 we were called to mourn the loss of another officer, Deacon Asa Parker, who died at the age of seventy-two years. He had not been an officer or member of the church nearly as long as the one just referred to, but he served the church faithfully and went rejoicing to his reward.

And still more recently, death has afflicted us in taking away yet another officer, one in the meridian of life, Deacon Jeremiah Gladwin has gone with others to meet his Savior. He died June 7th, 1861.

Brothers Asahel C. Braddick and James S. Newell were chosen deacons January 1860. Brother Newell having removed, brother Carnot O. Spencer and Bela C. Post were appointed deacons November 4, 1861.

During the fifty years since this church was constituted, it has had eleven pastors. The longest time it has been under the care of any one pastor is ten years, the shortest one year. It has had many supplies for shorter seasons. It has had in all 585 members. Present number is 248.\*

Besides the bequests to the church which have been mentioned, \$2,376 was bequeathed to it by Capt. William Williams who died in the year 1836; the interest of which is to be applied to missions.

Mrs. Irene Williams who died in 1840 left by will to the church \$1,907 the income from which is to be applied to the same object.

Thus far our attention has been chiefly directed to the external affairs of the church and the succession of its pastors. We turn now to contemplate the events that pertain more closely to its spiritual life. Numerous revivals of religion

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\* June 18th, 1861.



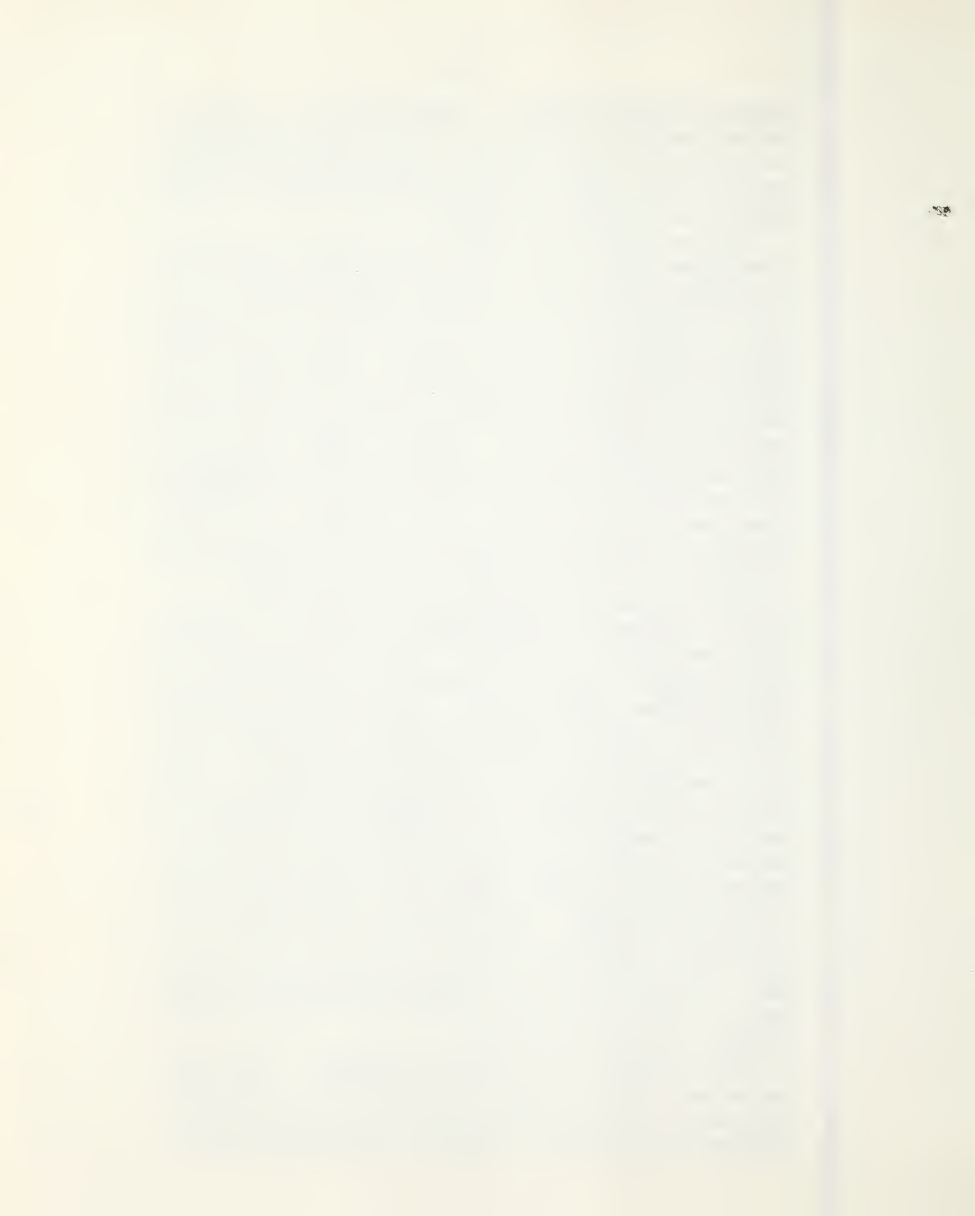
deserve particular attention. Unfortunately we are left without any record of many of them and can form an opinion of the powerful works of God upon the hearts of the people, only from the number of names that from time to time appear on our catalogue of members.

The first revival that calls our attention, was before the constitution of the church, about the year 1809. There does not appear to have been a general religious interest in the town at that time, but it was mostly confined to the Baptists. These meetings were solemn and very frequent. Jared Hayden is mentioned as one who went about conversing with the impenitent, and pointing inquirers to Jesus. The interest did not last for a short time, and then pass away, but seemed to continue for about two years. The result was about twenty-five conversions, besides other accessions to the Baptists of those who had been members of other churches. From this time there were some additions to the church every year for a number of years, among them is mentioned Mrs. Elizabeth Whittlesy, who was baptized at the age of 76 years.

Soon after, the church seemed to fall into a state of comparative coldness, and being divided, for sometime neglected the communion. When Elder Wilcox became pastor, the church though outwardly in a prosperous condition, was spiritually destitute. But they said in a letter to the association at that time, "we enjoy a comfortable degree of christian union."

In 1821, there was an abundant out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, and from April 22d, to August 12th, fifty were added to the church by baptism. This revival is remarkable not only for the number of those converted, but that the interest continued through the busy season of the year, showing the fallacy of the too general opinion that revivals can not be enjoyed in the summer. From this time till 1824, there were occasionally baptisms. Then for two years there was a period when the blessing of God seems to have been withheld. In 1827, the attention of the impenitent was again called to spiritual things, and March in and April, ten were added to the church by baptism.

Then followed a time of spiritual declension. The following extracts are from a private journal,—“Fall of 1829—Coldness in the church, but December 14th, prayer-meeting at Mother W’s, where many seemed to be revived, and one in a





very interesting manner. January 1st, 1830,—church prayer-meetings at Mother W's, and female prayer-meeting in the evening at Mrs. Mason's twenty-two were present,—much of the influence of the spirit seemed to be felt at both places, and these occasions will doubtless, long be remembered." Elder Brocket has given us an interesting account of the revivals which commenced about this time, and continued during his ministry with the church, he says

"During the first three months of my residence in Essex, sickness, disease and death were found in almost every family. Visiting the sick and attending funerals occupied the greater part of my time. When sickness abated, the good spirit of God was sent among us, and our meetings became deeply solemn and interesting, and were held more frequently. Some of the unconverted soon began to be concerned about the salvation of their souls. In a few weeks, some of these were rejoicing in hope. On the first Sabbath in February, 1829, Harris Stanard and Esther Pratt were baptised. When giving the right hand of fellowship to these persons, the Holy Spirit evidently descended into our midst. Nearly all the singers, (a large choir,) were so powerfully wrought upon as to be unable to sing, and many others were awakened at this time. We now began to hold meetings nearly every evening. The members of the church, nearly *all* seemed to pass through a season of deep searching of heart, and some for a season, (though short,) gave up their hopes. In a few days they came into a more full liberty and stronger faith than they had been accustomed to enjoy. Nearly all the members were now ready to work for God. Among the more earnest laborers, were brothers Reuben Post, Joy Post, Simeon Post, Benjamin Post, Gurdon Smith, J. Redfield, A. F. Whittemore, and indeed I know not where to stop without including *all* the brothers and sisters.

Those who were awakened among the unconverted, were so deeply anxious that it was difficult to close our meetings before ten or eleven o'clock, and then we had to assist some of those the most deeply distressed to their homes. The good influence of this revival was felt in our meetings for more than a year and a half. About forty were baptised and added to the church.

In 1830, during the winter and spring, we were again



avored with a shower of divine grace, in which about twenty-five were added to the church by baptism. In 1832, the friend of sinners called upon us, when twelve were added to our number. In the winter of 1833, we were blessed with another refreshing shower, when twenty-one were added by baptism. In 1834 eight more were brought from darkness into light and added to God's people.

Our meetings were generally well attended by day and night, on the Sabbath and in the week time. During one of our revivals our bell rang, I think, every night except one for three months.

My residence with Essex church was very pleasant to myself and family, and we love them still. During my stay with them we had but little difficulty or church trouble and labor, probably less than most churches. Many of those who were added when I was with them, have finished their course on earth, and I doubt not have gone to the mansions prepared for them by the dear Savior of sinners. There I expect before long to see them again, and what is still better, to see Jesus as he is and be more like him.

From 1835 to 1841, a period of six years, there was a time of spiritual destitution; during that time only thirteen were added to the church by baptism. Elder Knapp says, "when I took the charge of that people April 1st, 1836, they had been destitute of a pastor some time, and as is usual, the congregation had greatly declined, and the church was in a low state. The congregation soon began to increase, until, the old brick edifice in which we then worshiped, was overflowing. My labor seems to have been preparatory, or a seed time rather than harvest." He adds, "That church is endeared to me by ties of affection and interest, more than any other church during my ministry of more than thirty years. It is under God to their prayers in connection with others, that so many of my dear children are made the subjects of divine grace. But few of that goodly band with whom I took sweet counsel, remain on this side of Jordan."\*

In March, 1841, soon after Elder Miller commenced the pastoral labors, the hearts of believers were revived and sinners awakened. As the fruits of this revival, twenty-six con-

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\* Elder Knapp died in New York, May 14, 1862.



verts were baptised between the 1st of March, and the 1st of May. Three more were baptised in June.

The good work was again renewed in the spring of 1843. In the journal before referred to, we find. "February 1st, 1843, Meetings increase, with fervent prayer. February 20th,—Backsliders return and stout hearts tremble and young converts begin to proclaim the goodness and mercy of God in the salvation of their souls." On the first Sabbath in April seventeen followed the example of their Savior in baptism. In June eight more were baptised.

In the winter and spring of 1845-6, during the ministry of Elder Card, the Holy Spirit again visited this people and twenty converts were added to their number.

About the commencement of the year 1850, the Spirit of God seemed to hover over this church. Two persons were baptised January 6th. Soon the impenitent began to inquire what they must do to be saved, and asked christians to pray for them. Elder Charles Furgerson having been invited by the pastor, Elder Eastwood, labored here for some time, and God was pleased to bless his labors. Meetings were held every evening till late hours. Converts were multiplied, and on the first Sabbath in February, thirteen were buried with their Lord in baptism, and by the 27th of April, sixty-one persons had been added to the church by baptism. At no other period in the history of the church has so large a number been added in so short a time.

From 1851 to 1855, while Mr. Bailey was pastor, he says, "There were no general revivals experienced by the church during my connection with it. In 1853-4 there was an increase of interest and some conversions, but the work was not of that special character to affect generally the church or community." - Three converts were baptised in 1853, and eight in 1854.

In the years 1856 and 1857, there was no general revival though during these years fifteen were added to the Church by baptism. The largest number baptised at any one time, was seven, March 16th, 1856.

In the spring of 1858, this church with the other churches in the village, and in common with many of the churches throughout the country, experienced a general revival, and from March 28th to June 6th, thirty were added to it by bap-



tism. Mr. Hsley baptised six more before the close of his ministry.

The church has received no members by baptism since the first Sabbath in May, 1859. Since that time not only have the impenitent among us seemed unconcerned, with occasional manifestations of some alarm, but members of the church are at ease in Zion, and some seem to have forgotten him who redeemed them with his blood.

Recently our hearts have been gladdened by the voice of a convert. May sinners follow the example, and professors be reminded of their first love; and this be but one drop before a copious shower.

Since the above was written, God has visited his people. In February, Elder Henry Bromley came to preach to us a few Sabbaths. He went about visiting the people and sowing the good seed. Soon some sinners were inquiring what they must do to be saved, and in prayer-meetings asked christians to pray for them. Professors were aroused; they had not expected God's blessings till they saw it ready to descend upon them. Brother Bromley having returned to New York, Rev. Halsey W. Knapp preached to us the second Sabbath in March, and proposed to remain three days and hold meetings every evening while with us. The meetings were crowded, and the fields found to be "white, already for the harvest." For three weeks, Brother Knapp remained with us, visiting and exhorting, holding prayer-meetings every afternoon, and preaching every evening. Our meetings continued every night till ten o'clock, the anxious remaining to be prayed for, and christians remaining to pray for them and point them to the Lamb of God.

Sunday March 30th, ten persons were baptised, and the following Sabbath, fourteen more, when twenty-five members, (one having been received by experience,) received the hand of fellowship. April 20th, four converts were baptised and May 4th, six more descended into the watery grave. Still others who have experienced the love of God in their hearts, will, we trust, soon follow the example of their Saviour.

This work has been remarkable, not only for its power among those who never before professed to know Christ, and especially among the youth, but also among backsliders. Some who had been cut off, have returned and penitently renewed their covenant obligations with God's people.





During all this time, the church has had no Pastor. But till within a few weeks, Brothers Bromley and Knapp have alternately labored among us, serving their divine master with fidelity, and they were permitted to bring in their sheaves.

Our church has had its trials and labors, even as Christ said, "It is impossible but that offences will come."

The church has had its afflictions; we expect that members will be removed by death; but on more than one occasion have those to whom the church has looked for counsel, and on whom it seemed to depend, been taken from it in quick succession. Yet as a church we have great cause for thanksgiving and praise to God. He has borne with his people in their coldness and neglect of duty, and afflicted them only to teach them not to depend on an arm of flesh, and bring them back to himself. He has visited them with many precious showers of his grace, comforted the hearts of believers, and from time to time added to their numbers, we trust of such as shall be saved. For fifty years he has led this church and sustained it; may he abide with it still.

When fifty years more have passed, few if any of us will be here to tell the history of these times. Our work will soon be done. May we, and many more to be gathered into this fold, meet the members who have gone to Heaven, and there be united in praising our Redeemer.



# DECLARATION OF FAITH.\*

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## I. THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth;<sup>1</sup> inexpressibly glorious in holiness,<sup>2</sup> and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love;<sup>3</sup> that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;<sup>4</sup> equal in every divine perfection,<sup>5</sup> and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.<sup>6</sup>

1 John iv. 24. Ps. cxlvii. 5. Ps. lxxxiii. 18. Heb. iii. 4. Rom. 1. 20. Jer. x. 10.

2 Ex. xv. 11. Isa. vi. 3. 1 Pet. i. 15, 16. Rev. iv. 6-8.

3 Mark xii. 30. Rev. iv. 11. Matt. x. 37. Jer. ii. 12, 13.

4 Matt. xxviii. 19. John xv. 26. 1 Cor. xii 4-6. 1 John v. 7.

5 John x. 30; v. 17; xiv. 23; xvii. 5, 10. Acts v. 3, 4. 1 Cor. ii. 10, 11. Phil. ii. 5, 6.

6 Ephes. ii. 18. 2 Cor. xiii. 11. Rev. i. 4, 5; ii. 7.

## II. THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction;<sup>1</sup> that God is its author, salvation its end,<sup>2</sup> and truth, without any mixture of error its matter;<sup>3</sup> that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us;<sup>4</sup> and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian Union,<sup>5</sup> and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.<sup>6</sup>

1 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. 2 Pet. i. 21. 2 Sam. xxiii. 2. Acts i. 16; iii. 21. John x. 35. Luke xvi. 29-31. Ps. cxix. 111. Rom. iii. 1, 2.

2 2 Tim. iii. 15. 1. Pet. i. 10-12. Acts xi. 14. Rom. i. 16. Mark xvi. 16. John v. 38, 39.

3 Proverbs xxx. 5, 6. John xvii. 17. Rev. xxii. 18, 19. Rom. iii. 4.

4 Rom. ii. 12. John xii. 47, 48. 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4. Luke x. 10-16; xii. 47, 48.

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5 Phil. iii. 16. Ephes. iv. 3-6. Phil. ii. 1, 2. 1 Cor. i. 10. 1 Pet. iv. 11.

6 1 John iv. 1. Isaiah viii. 20. 1 Thess. v. 21. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Acts. xvii. 11. 1 John iv. 6. Jude 3d v. Ephes. vi. 17. Ps. cxix. 59, 60. Phil. i. 9-11.

### III. THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker;<sup>1</sup> but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state;<sup>2</sup> in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners,<sup>3</sup> not by constraint, but by choice;<sup>4</sup> being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin,<sup>5</sup> without defense or excuse.<sup>6</sup>

1 Gen. i. 27; i. 31. Eccles. vii. 29. Acts xvii. 26. Gen. ii. 16.

2 Gen. iii. 6-24. Rom. v. 12

3 Rom. v. 19. John iii. 6. Ps. li. 5. Rom. v. 15-19; viii. 7.

4 Isa. liii. 6. Gen. vi. 12. Rom. iii. 9-18.

5 Eph. ii. 1-3. Rom. i. 18; i. 32; ii. 1-16. Gal. iii. 10. Matt. xx. 15.

6 Ez. xviii. 19, 20. Rom. i. 20; iii. 19. Gal. iii. 22.

### IV. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God to graciously regenerate, sanctify and save sinners;<sup>1</sup> that it is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end;<sup>2</sup> that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable;<sup>3</sup> that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy;<sup>4</sup> that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;<sup>5</sup> that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel;<sup>6</sup> that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;<sup>7</sup> and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves the utmost diligence.<sup>8</sup>

1 2 Tim. i. 8, 9. Eph. i. 3-14. 1 Pet. i. 1, 2. Rom. xi. 5, 6. John xv. 16; John iv. 19. Hos. xii. 9.

2 2 Thess. ii. 13, 14. Acts xiii. 48. John x. 16. Matt. xx. 16. Acts xv. 14.

3 Ex. xxxiii. 18, 19. Matt. xx. 15. Eph. i. 11. Rom. ix. 23, 24. Jer. xxxi. 3. Rom. xi. 28, 29. Jam. i. 17, 18. 2 Tim. i. 9. Rom. xi. 32-36.



- 4 1 Cor. iv. 7. 1 Cor. i. 26-31. Rom. iii. 27; iv. 16. Col. iii. 12  
 1 Cor. iii. 5-7; xv. 10. 1 Pet. v. 10. Acts i. 24. 1 Thess. ii. 13. 1  
 Pet. ii. 9. Luke xviii. 7. John xv. 16. Eph. i. 16. 1 Thess. ii. 12.  
 5 2 Tim. ii. 10. 1 Cor. ix. 22. Rom. viii. 28-30. John vi. 37-40.  
 2 Pet. i. 10.  
 6 1 Thess. i. 4-10.  
 7 Rom. viii. 28-30. Isa. xlii. 16. Rom. xi. 29.  
 8 2 Pet. i. 10, 11. Phil. iii. 12. Heb. vi. 11.

## V. THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace;<sup>1</sup> through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God;<sup>2</sup> who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin;<sup>3</sup> honored the Divine law by his personal obedience;<sup>4</sup> and by his death made a full atonement for our sins;<sup>5</sup> that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven,<sup>6</sup> and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.<sup>7</sup>

- 1 Eph. ii. 5. Matt. xviii. 11. 1 John iv. 10. 1 Cor. iii. 5-7. Acts xv. 11.  
 2 John iii. 16; i. 1-14. Heb. iv. 14; xii. 24.  
 3 Phil. ii. 6, 7. Heb. ii. 9; ii. 14. 2 Cor. v. 21.  
 4 Isa. xlii. 21. Phil. ii. 8. Gal. iv. 4, 5. Rom. iii. 21.  
 5 Isa. liii. 4, 5. Matt. xx. 28. Rom. iv. 25; iii. 21-26. 1 John iv. 10; ii. 2. 1 Cor. xv. 1-3. Heb. ix. 13-15.  
 6 Heb. i. 8; i. 3; viii. 1. Col. iii. 1-4.  
 7 Heb. vii. 25. Col. ii. 9. Heb. ii. 18; vii. 26. Ps. lxxxix. 19. Ps. xlv.

## VI. REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again;<sup>1</sup> that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;<sup>2</sup> that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth,<sup>3</sup> so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel;<sup>4</sup> and that the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life, are its proper evidences.<sup>5</sup>

- 1 John iii. 3; iii. 6, 7. 1 Cor. i. 14. Rev. viii. 7-9; xxi. 27.  
 2 2 Cor. v. 17. Ez. xxxvi. 26. Deut. xxx. 6. Rom. ii. 28, 29; v. 5. 1 John iv. 7.  
 3 John iii. 8; i. 13. James i. 16-18. 1 Cor. i. 30. Phil. ii. 13.  
 4 1 Pet. i. 22-25. 1 John v. 1. Eph. iv. 20-24. Col. iii. 9-11.  
 5 Eph. v. 9. Romans viii. 9. Gal. v. 16-23. Eph. iii. 14-21. Matt. iii. 8-10; vii. 20. 1 John v. 4, 18.





## VII. REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God;<sup>1</sup> whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ,<sup>2</sup> we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy;<sup>3</sup> at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.<sup>4</sup>

1 Mark i. 15. Acts xi. 18. Ephes. ii. 8. 1 John v. 1.

2 John xvi. 8. Acts ii. 37, 38; xvi. 30, 31.

3 Luke xviii. 13; xv. 18-21. James iv. 7-10. 2 Cor. vii. 11. Rom. x. 12, 13. Ps. li.

4 Rom. x. 9-11. Acts iii. 22, 23. Heb. iv. 14. Ps. ii. 6. Heb. i. 8; viii. 25. 2 Tim. i. 12.

## VIII. JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ<sup>1</sup> secures to such as believe in Him is Justification;<sup>2</sup> that Justification includes the pardon of sin,<sup>3</sup> and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness;<sup>4</sup> that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely by faith in the Redeemer's blood;<sup>5</sup> through which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God;<sup>6</sup> that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and for eternity.<sup>7</sup>

1 John i. 16. Eph. iii. 8.

2 Acts xiii. 39. Isa. iii. 11, 12. Rom. viii. 1.

3 Rom. v. 9. Zech. xiii. 1. Matt. ix. 6. Acts x. 43.

4 Rom. v. 17. Titus iii. 5, 6. 1 Peter iii. 7. 1 John ii. 25. Rom. v. 21.

5 Rom. iv. 4, 5; v. 21; vi. 23. Phil. iii. 7-9.

6 Rom. v. 19; iii. 24-26; iv. 23-25. 1 John ii. 12.

7 Rom. v. 1, 2; v. 3; v. 11. 1 Cor. i. 30, 31. Matt. vi. 33. 1 Tim. iv. 8.

## IX. ADOPTION.

We believe that all the justified are adopted as sons and daughters, of the Lord Almighty, by which grace they all become members of one family, and are entitled to all the liberties and privileges of the children of God.<sup>1</sup>

1 2 Cor. vi. 17. Eph. i. 5, 6. Rom. viii. 15-17. Eph. ii. 18.



## X. SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness;<sup>1</sup> that it is a progressive work;<sup>2</sup> that it is begun in regeneration;<sup>3</sup> and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.<sup>4</sup>

1 1 Thess. iv. 3; v. 23. 2 Cor. vii. 1; xiii. 9. Ephes. i. 4.

2 Prov. iv. 18. 2 Cor. iii. 18. Heb. vi. 1. 2 Pet. i. 5-8. Phil. iii. 12-16.

3 John ii. 29. Rom. viii. 5. John iii. 6. Phil. i. 9-11. Ephes. i. 13, 14.

4 Phil. ii. 12, 13. Ephes. iv. 11, 12. 1 Pet. ii. 2. 2 Pet. iii. 18. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Luke xi. 35; ix. 23. Matt. xxvi. 41. Ephes. vi. 18; iv. 30.

## XI. THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;<sup>1</sup> that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;<sup>2</sup> that a special Providence watches over their welfare;<sup>3</sup> and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.<sup>4</sup>

1 John viii. 31. 1 John ii. 27, 28; iii. 9; v. 18.

2 1 John ii. 19. John xiii. 18. Matt. xiii. 20, 21. John vi. 66-69. Job xvii. 9.

3 Rom. viii. 28. Matt. vi. 30-33. Jer. xxxii. 40. Ps. cxxi. 3; xci. 11, 12.

4 Phil. i. 6. Phil. ii. 12, 13. Jude 24, 25. Heb. i. 14. 2 Kings vi. 16. Heb. xiii. 5. 1 John iv. 4.

## XII. THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government;<sup>1</sup> that it is holy, just and good;<sup>2</sup> and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin;<sup>3</sup> to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.<sup>4</sup>



- 1 Rom. iii. 31. Matt. v. 17. Luke xvi. 17. Rom. iii. 20; iv. 15.  
 2 Rom. vii. 12; vii. 7, 14, 22. Gal. iii. 21. Ps. cxix.  
 3 Rom. viii. 7, 8. Josh. xxiv. 19. Jer. xiii. 23. John vi. 44; v. 44.  
 4 Rom. viii. 2, 4; x. 4. 1 Tim. i. 5. Heb. viii. 10. Jude 20, 21.  
 Heb. xii. 14. Matt. xvi. 17, 18. 1 Cor. xii. 28.

### XIII. A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers,<sup>1</sup> associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel;<sup>2</sup> observing the ordinances of Christ;<sup>3</sup> governed by His laws;<sup>4</sup> and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word;<sup>5</sup> that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons,<sup>6</sup> whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

- 1 1 Cor. i. 1-13. Matt. xviii. 17. Acts v. 11; viii. 1; xi. 31. 1 Cor. iv. 17; xiv. 23. 3 John 9. 1 Tim. iii. 5.  
 2 Acts ii. 41, 42. 2 Cor. viii. 5. Acts ii. 47. 1 Cor. v. 12, 13.  
 3 1 Cor. xi. 2. 2 Thess. iii. 6. Rom. xvi. 17-20. 1 Cor. xi. 23. Matt. xviii. 15-20. 1 Cor. v. vi. 2 Cor. ii. vii. 1 Cor. iv. 17.  
 4 Matt. xxviii. 20. John xiv. 15; xv. 12. 1 John iv. 21. John xiv. 21. 1 Thess. iv. 2. 2 John 6. Gal. vi. 2. All the Epistles.  
 5 Ephes. iv. 7. 1 Cor. xiv. 12. Phil. i. 27. 1 Cor. xii. xiv.  
 6 Phil. i. 1. Acts xiv. 23; xv. 22. 1 Tim. iii. Titus i.

### XIV. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion, in water, of a believer,<sup>1</sup> in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;<sup>2</sup> to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life;<sup>3</sup> that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,<sup>4</sup> in which the members of a church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, commemorate the dying love of Christ, and display their fellowship in the church relation;<sup>5</sup> it should always be preceded by solemn self-examination.<sup>6</sup>

- 1 Acts viii. 36-39. Matt. iii. 5, 6. John iii. 22, 23; iv. 1, 2. Matt. xxviii. 19. Mark xvi. 16. Acts ii. 38; viii. 12; xvi. 32-34; xviii. 8.  
 2 Matt. xxviii. 19. Acts x. 47, 48. Gal. iii. 27, 28.  
 3 Rom. vi. 4. Col. ii. 12. 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21. Acts. xxii. 16.  
 4 Acts ii. 41, 42. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20.  
 5 Matt. xxvi. 26-29. Mark xvi. 22-25. Luke xxii. 14-20. 1 Cor. xi. 20-33; x. 17.  
 6 1 Cor. xi. 28; v. 1, 8; x. 3-32; xi. 17-32. John vi. 26-71.



## XV. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath;<sup>1</sup> and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes,<sup>2</sup> by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations;<sup>3</sup> by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private<sup>4</sup> and public;<sup>5</sup> and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.<sup>6</sup>

1 Acts xx. 7. Gen. ii. 3. Col. ii. 16, 17. Mark ii. 27. John xx. 19. 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.

2 Ex. xx. 8. Rev. i. 10. Ps. cxviii. 24.

3 Isa. lviii. 13, 14; lvi. 2-8.

4 Ps. cxviii. 15.

5 Heb. x. 24, 25. Acts xi. 26; xiii. 44. Lev. xix. 30. Exodus xvi. 3. Luke iv. 16. Acts xvii. 2, 3. Ps. xxvi. 8; lxxxvii. 3.

6 Heb. iv. 3-11.

## XVI. CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society;<sup>1</sup> and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed;<sup>2</sup> except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>3</sup> who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.<sup>4</sup>

1 Rom. xiii. 1-7. Deut. xvi. 18. 2 Sam. xxiii. 3. Ex. xviii. 23. Jer. xxx. 21.

2 Matt. xxii. 21. Titus iii. 1. 1 Pet. ii. 13. 1 Tim. ii. 1-8.

3 Acts v. 29. Matt. x. 28. Dan. iii. 15-18; vi. 7-10. Acts iv. 18-20.

4 Matt. xxiii. 10. Rom. xiv. 4. Rev. xix. 16. Ps. lxxii. 11. 2 Rom. xiv. 9-13.

## XVII. THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked;<sup>1</sup> that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem;<sup>2</sup> while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse;<sup>3</sup> and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.<sup>4</sup>

1 Mal. iii. 18. Prov. xii. 26. Isa. v. 20. Gen. xviii. 23. Jer. xv. 19. Acts x. 34, 35. Rom. vi. 16.

2 Rom. i. 17; vii. 6. 1 John ii. 29; iii. 7. Rom. vi. 18, 22. 1 Cor. xi. 32. Prov. xi. 31. 1 Pet. iv. 17, 18.





3 1 John v. 19. Gal. iii. 10. John iii. 36. Isa. lvii. 21. Ps. x. 4. Isa. lv. 6, 7.

4 Prov. xiv. 32. Luke xvi. 25. John viii. 21-24. Prov. x. 24. Luke xii. 4, 5; ix. 23-26. John xii. 25, 26. Eccl. iii. 17. Matt. vii. 13, 14.

## XVIII. THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching;<sup>1</sup> that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from heaven,<sup>2</sup> and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;<sup>3</sup> that a solemn separation will then take place;<sup>4</sup> that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy;<sup>5</sup> and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.<sup>6</sup>

1 1 Pet. iv. 7. 1 Cor. vii. 29-31. Heb. i. 10-12. Matt. xxiv. 35. 1 John ii. 17. Matt. xxviii. 20; xiii. 39, 40. 2 Pet. iii. 3-13.

2 Acts i. 11. Rev. i. 7. Heb. ix. 28. Acts iii, 21. 1 Thess. iv. 13-18; v. 1-11.

3 Acts xxiv. 15. 1 Cor. xv. 12-59. Luke xiv. 14. Dan. xii. 2. John v. 28, 29; vi. 40; xi. 25, 26. 2 Tim. i. 10. Acts x. 42.

4 Matt. xiii. 49; 37-43; xxiv. 30, 31; xxv. 31-33.

5 Matt. xxv. 35-41. Rev. xxii. 11. 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10. Mark ix. 43-48. 2 Pet. ii. 9. Jude 7. Phil. iii. 19. Rom. vi. 22. 2 Cor. v. 10, 11. John iv. 36. 2 Cor. iv. 18.

6 Rom. iii. 5, 6. 2 Thess. i. 6-12. Heb. vi. 1, 2. 1 Cor. iv. 5. Acts xvii. 31. Rom. ii. 2-16. Rev. xx. 11, 12. 1 John ii. 28; iv. 17.



## CHURCH COVENANT.

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Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to faithfully attend its meetings, to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God hath prospered us, to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to pray for and assist our Pastor; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all evil speaking, and excessive anger; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour, both in our own hearts, and in the world.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

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## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

It is expedient that every member of this church abstain from making, selling, or using any intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

It shall be the duty of every member on removing to any other place where there is a regular Baptist Church, and expecting to return within a few months, to take and present to that church a letter of recommendation for occasional communion.

It shall also be the duty of such member to give information of his or her residence and spiritual condition to this Church, on or before the first day of January in each year.

If a member remove to be absent one or more years, such member shall ask for a letter of dismission to some regular Baptist Church in the neighborhood to which he or she removes. If there be none within convenient distance, he or she shall give yearly notice to this Church, as required in the preceding resolution.



## PASTORS.

OLIVER WILSON, from August 1812, to October 1814.  
ASA WILCOX, from April 1818, to April 1828.  
PIERPONT BROCKET, from August 1828, to August 1835.  
HENRY R. KNAPP, from April 1836, to April 1840.  
WILLIAM GEORGE MILLER, from April 1840, to April 1845.  
WILLIAM H. CARD, from August 1845, to August 1846.  
HENRY G. BROMLEY, supplied from Sept. 1846, to Mar. 1847.  
WILLIAM G. HOWARD, from March 1847, to September 1849.  
MARVIN EASTWOOD, from December 1849, to December 1850.  
JOSEPH A. BAILEY, from September 1851, to September 1855.  
SILAS ILSLEY, from November 1855, to May 1858.  
BRADFORD H. LINCOLN, from July 1859, to March 1862.

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## DEACONS.

REUBEN POST, chosen January 1814; died October 1859.  
SALA POST, chosen September 1818; died June 1821.  
BLINN TYLER, chosen January 1836; died January 1854.  
ASA PARKER, chosen December 1840; died April 1860.  
ALANSON H. HOUGH, chosen December 1840.  
JEREMIAH GLADWIN, chosen March 1856; died June 1861.  
ASAHEL C. BRADDICK, chosen January 1860.  
JAMES S. NEWELL, chosen January 1860; dismissed from  
the church, by letter, December 1861.  
CARNOT O. SPENCER, chosen November 1861.  
BELA C. POST, chosen November 1861.

## NAMES OF MEMBERS.

*Saybrook branch of the East Haddam Baptist Church, July 1, 1809.*

L denotes received by letter; E, by experience. Persons whose names are not thus marked were received by baptism. \* denotes deceased. † denotes dismissed by letter. Names of present members are in SMALL CAPITALS.

- \* Reuben Post.
- \* Levi Post.
- \* Jacob Hayden.
- \* Gurden Smith.
- \* George Harrington.





- 1809.
- \* Polly Dickinson.
  - \* Irene Williams.
  - \* Fanny Post.
  - \* Lucy Post.
  - \* Elizabeth Post.
  - \* Mary Pratt.
  - \* Phebe Harrington.
  - \* Susanna Starkey.
  - \* Sarah Murray.
  - \* Martha Sargent.
  - \* Phebe Tooker.
  - \* Elizabeth Hayden.
  - \* Mindwell Pratt.
  - \* Phebe Post.
  - \* Ruth Waterhouse.
  - \* Patience Shipman.
  - \* Hester Pratt.
1809. June 18. \* Elizabeth Glover.
- MARTHA DICKINSON.
- July 16. \* Sally Hayden.
- Nov. 19. \* Isaac Post.
- \* Julia Avery.
1810. March 4. \* Lemuel Dickinson, L.
24. \* Jared Hayden.
- \* Abby Smith.
- \* Rebecca Fordham.
- \* Anna Tooker.
- MARY GLOVER.
- March 25. \* Daniel Gladding.
- \* James Tooker.
- \* Hope Scovill.
- \* Abby Church.
- April 8. \* Sala Post, L.
- \* Mary Waterhouse.
- \* Ursula Pratt.
- \* Mary Tinker.
- April 15. \* Sylvia Hayden.
- \* Polly Church.
- EUNICE M. (Post) PARKER.
- \* Betsey Harrington.
- April 29. \* Ambrose Waterhouse.



1810. April 29. \* Temperance Webb.  
 \* Elizabeth Pratt.  
 \* Submit Tripp.  
 November. \* Prudence Starkey.  
 \* Dorothy Starkey.  
 \* Elias Starkey.  
 \* Gideon A. Dickinson.  
 \* Samuel W. Gladding.

*Killingworth branch of the East Haddam Baptist Church, June 18, 1811.*

- † William Carter.  
 John Waterhouse.  
 \* Elisha Elderkin.  
 \* Avis Kelsey.  
 \* Hannah Smith.  
 Ruth Crane.  
 \* Abigail Griffing.  
 \* Parnel Peck.  
 \* Catherine Redfield.  
 \* Jennet Tower.  
 † Lucy Waterhouse.  
 \* Dotha Wright.  
 \* Thankful Carter.  
 \* Betsey Herring.

The above named persons were constituted the *Second Baptist Church in Saybrook, June 18, 1811.*

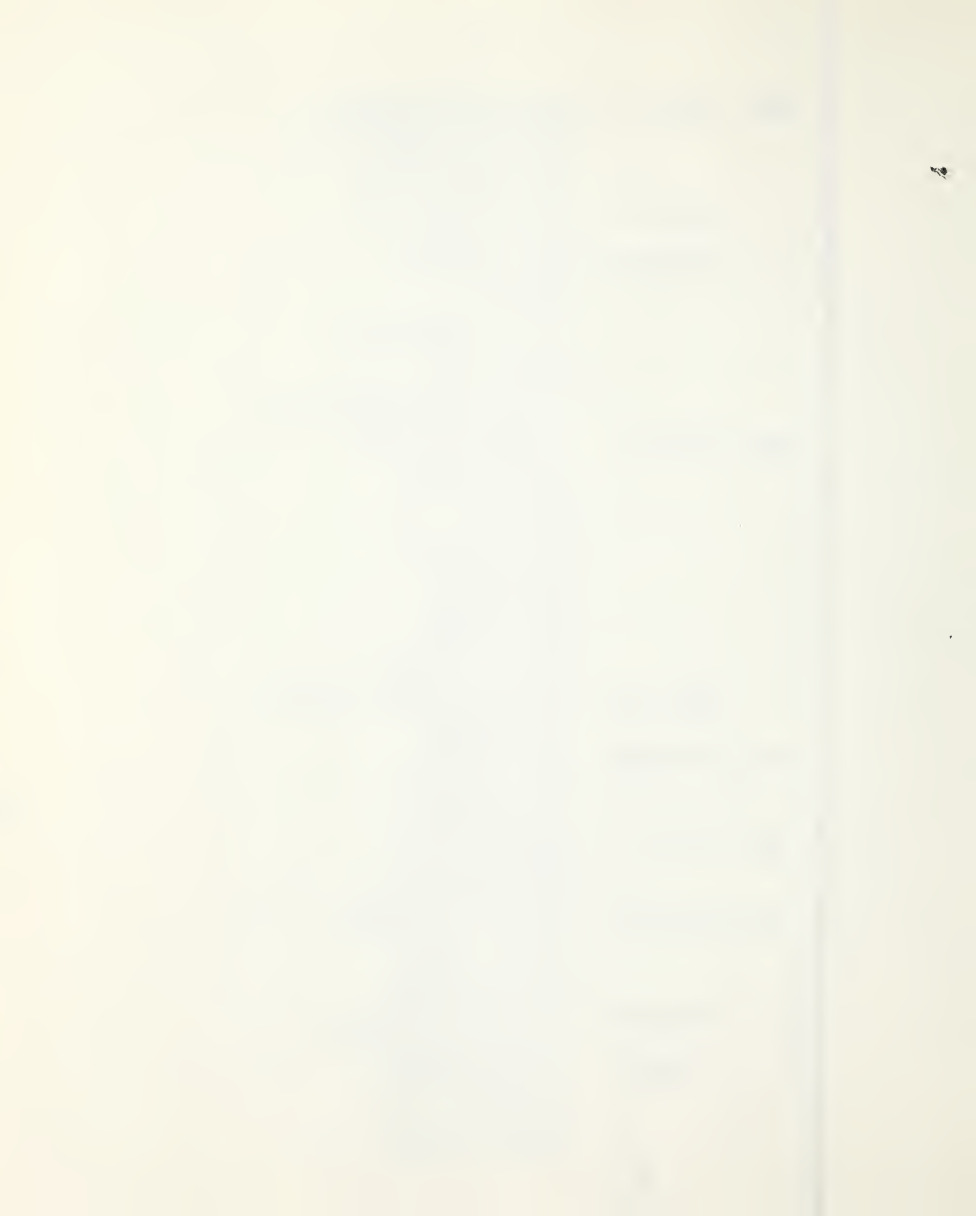
1812. October. \* Polly Lord.  
 \* Gilbert Avery, L.  
 November. † Oliver Wilson, L.  
 1813. ——— \* Sophia Avery.  
 \* Betsey Spencer, L.  
 1814. May. \* Calvin Williams.  
 August. \* Samuel Williams.  
 1815. July. \* Elizabeth Whittlesey.  
 August. \* Huldah Post.  
 \* Benjamin Carter.  
 1816. October. † John S. Griffing.  
 † Hannah Nichols.  
 \* Sally Redfield.  
 † Julia Redfield.  
 1817. March. † Justin Loomis.



1818. April. † Rev. Asa Wilcox, L.  
 † Ursula Pratt.  
 October. REBECCA HILL. L.  
 † William Carter.  
 † Hannah Carter.  
 1820. April 5. † Sally Glover, L.  
 1821. April 22. † EUNICE BRADDICK.  
 \* Simeon Post.  
 Horace Murray.  
 Deborah Dickinson.  
 \* Betsy (Pratt) Tooker.  
 HARRIET POST.  
 HENRY BRADDICK.  
 \* Levi Dickinson.  
 † Elizabeth Denison.  
 May 13. \* Prudence Belden.  
 Walter Pratt.  
 \* Joy Post.  
 \* Polly Andrews.  
 Mulford H. Williams.  
 SAMUEL TOOKER.  
 SUSAN G. (Smith) POST.  
 MEHITABLE (Tuby) SMITH.  
 \* Hannah Gladwin.  
 \* Joseph Swan.  
 \* Eunice Pratt.  
 \* Betsey Spencer.  
 Maria (Dickinson) Pratt.  
 June 24. † Jared Post.  
 † Eunice (Clark) Wright.  
 July 8. BENJAMIN F. POST.  
 \* Hepzibah Post.  
 \* Cynthia Post.  
 ALVAN F. WHITTEMORE.  
 † Courtney Tooker.  
 Elizabeth Tooker.  
 REBECCA (Hayden) POST.  
 Deborah Holmes.  
 SOPHIA POST.  
 † Fanny (Post) Stanard.  
 July 21. \* Abel Harrington.



1821. July 21. \* Hezekiah Buckingham.  
 \* Nancy (Comstock) Turner.  
 LURA (Post) PRATT.  
 WEALTHY A. POST.
- Aug. 12. JARED C. REDFIELD.  
 † Phene Powers.
- August 12. † Eunice Williams.  
 \* Abby Post.  
 Rebecca Murray.  
 Amanda (Post) Clark.  
 † George Read.  
 † Christopher B. Rogers.  
 BETSEY (Johnson) WARNER.
1822. April 28. AMBROSE W. POST.  
 Nancy Starkey.  
 † Elizabeth Doane.  
 † Ann Post.  
 † Abner Farnham.  
 † John Pierson.  
 † Polly Pierson.  
 † Sally Griffiths.  
 † John A. Peck.  
 † Henry Archibald.
- November 3. ROXANNA (Williams) POST.  
 † Lydia Pilgrim.
1823. November. † Phebe Treat.  
 † Charlotte Parks.  
 † Lydia Morgan.
1824. June. † Joseph H. Mather.  
 † Zipporah Pratt.  
 † Wealthy Tooker.
1827. March 4. \* Amelia Buckingham, L.  
 \* Esther M. C. Mather, L.  
 † Asa F. Wilcox.  
 † Thomas Russel.
- March 25. \* Ann Maria Tooker.  
 GEORGE HARRINGTON.
- April 8. † Rachel Rogers.  
 Abijah C. Wheat.  
 \* Joy Post, Jr.  
 † Emeline Beman.





1827. April 8. OLIVE (Post) STARKEY.  
CHARLES PRATT.  
† Sally Read.  
† Almus Pratt.  
\* Rebecca Andrews.
1828. August 21. † Rev. Pierpont Brocket, L.  
† Sarah Brocket, L.  
MASON H. POST, L.
1829. February 1. † Abner H. Stannard.  
\* Elias Redfield, L.
- March 8. Edward E. Braddick.  
\* Eliza Whittemore.
- March 15. TERESA WHITTEMORE.  
† Philena (Howell) Clark.  
ESTHER (Post) TOOKER.  
Eliza (Smith) Munger.  
† John N. Braddick.  
† Obadiah Dickinson, Jr.  
\* Charles Smith.  
\* William Post.  
John Andrews.
- March 29. \* Submit Pratt.  
REBECCA WILLIAMS.  
\* Elvira H. (Tooker) Doan.  
Susan Harrington.  
\* Tabor Tooker.  
RICHARD TOOKER.  
Norman Wales.  
John Bull.
- April 5. \* Louisa Williams.  
RICHARD S. WILLIAMS.  
\* Hannah Williams.  
RICHARD P. WILLIAMS.  
† Phebe Pratt.  
CATHERINE (Brockway) BUCKINGHAM.  
\* Levi B. Post.  
ANN POST.  
\* Joseph H. Hayden.  
Russel H. Post, E.  
† Sarah S. Matlier, L.



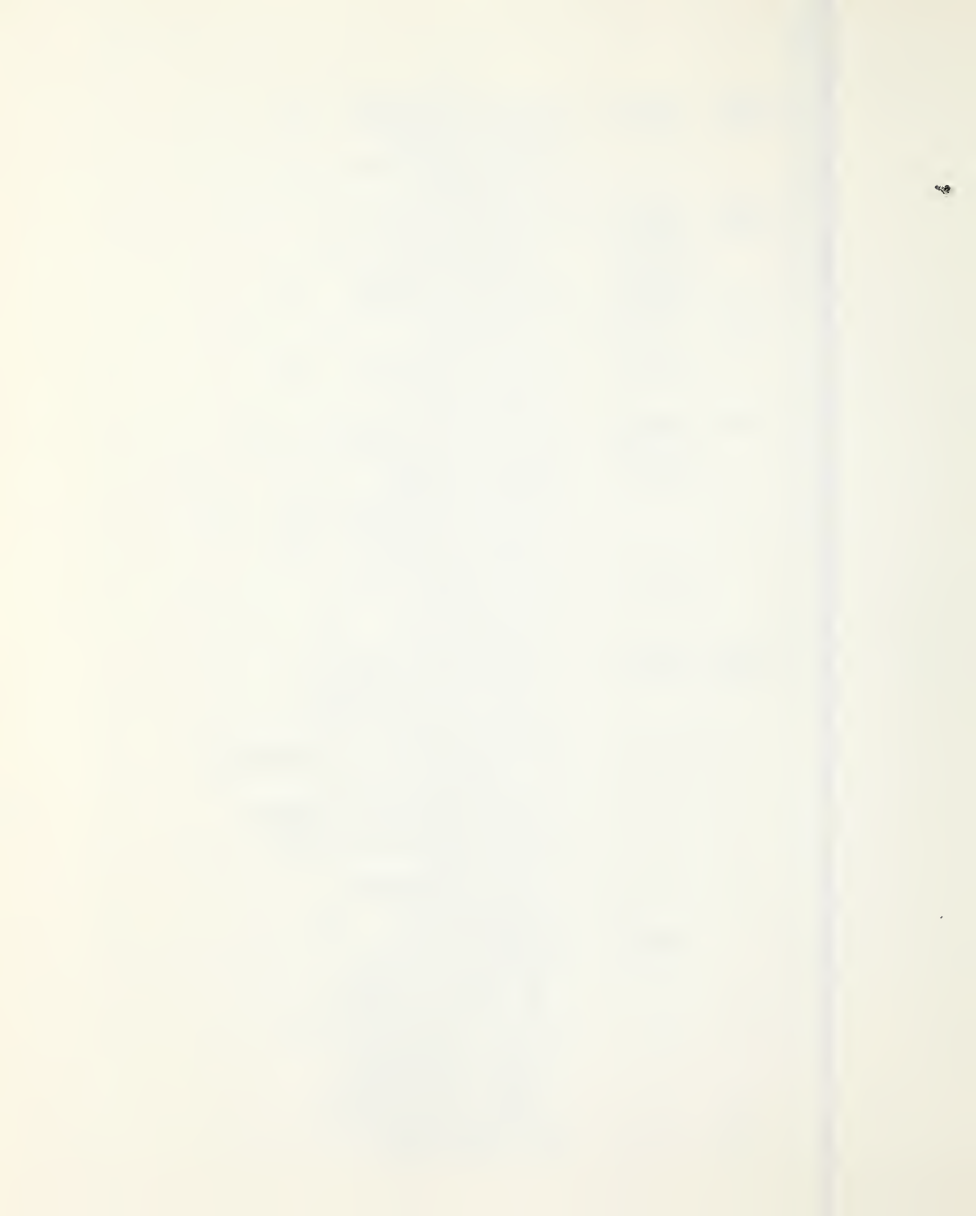
1830. April 4. CHARLES C. CONKLIN.  
 † Charles Beman.  
 † David Brockway.  
 † Levi Southworth, Jr.  
 \* Denison Ely.  
 † Daniel B. Shipman.  
 † Joseph H. Mather, Jr.  
 \* Sarah Dodd.  
 \* Patience Loper.  
 † Charlotte Beman.  
 † Catherine Bogue.  
 † Catherine Read.  
 † Aurelia Read.  
 † Joseph M. Ely.  
 \* Benjamin E. Loper.  
 April 18. \* Noah Starkey.  
 \* Elizabeth Pratt.  
 SUSAN E. (Williams) HOUGH.  
 \* Sarah Dukes.  
 \* James Rockwell.  
 June 6. † Emily Johnson.  
 October 3. \* Maria Wheat.  
 \* Elisha Gladwin.  
 October 31. \* Ezra Gladwin.  
 Nov. 7. ANN S. REDFIELD.  
 HENRIETTA R. REDFIELD.  
 \* Azuba Starkey.  
 Nov. 17. Austin Starkey.  
 JEMIMA STARKEY.  
 \* Abby Williams.  
 1831. January 30. FREDERICK W. BUSHNELL.  
 March. † Jane Wilcox.  
 Aug. 21. \* Alvah Post.  
 Oct 16. SUSAN POST.  
 Jerusha (Brown) Tyler.  
 1832. January. † Phebe Chapman, L.  
 March. \* Lorinda Gladwin, L.  
 May 13. \* Minerva Platt.  
 1832. May 13. PRUDENCE L. (Post) BUSHNELL.  
 May 27. PARNAL PARKER.



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| 1832. | May 27.   | * Nancy B. Pratt.              |    |
|       | June 3.   | * Ruth Tooker.                 |    |
|       | Oct.      | DR. ALANSON H. HOUGH,          | L. |
|       | Nov. 30.  | HENRIETTA (Pratt) BECKWITH,    | L. |
| 1833. | Jan. 6.   | MABEL CONKLIN.                 |    |
|       |           | BETSEY GLADWIN.                |    |
|       | Dec. 29.  | † Elizabeth Glover, 2d.        |    |
| 1834. | March 23. | MARIA PRATT.                   |    |
|       | April 6.  | * Wealthy A. (Williams) Smith. |    |
|       | April 13. | ALPHEUS S. PRATT.              |    |
|       |           | * Eliza Bushnell.              |    |
|       |           | * Lay W. Pratt.                |    |
|       |           | MARY A. (Pratt) WILLIAMS.      |    |
|       | April 20. | Sylvester Munger.              |    |
|       |           | Ansel Bushnell.                |    |
|       |           | † Linus P. Bracket.            |    |
|       |           | SARAH W. POST.                 |    |
|       | April 27. | * Abby Ann Tooker.             |    |
|       |           | * Tirza I. (Post) Peck.        |    |
|       |           | Hepzibah Pratt.                |    |
|       | May 4.    | † Stanton Belden.              |    |
|       |           | † Sarah (Parker) Caulkins,     | L. |
|       |           | EMILY (Gladwin) STARKEY.       |    |
|       |           | * Maria (Post) Tiffany.        |    |
|       | May 11.   | HARRIET A. (Williams) MORLEY.  |    |
|       | May 25.   | † Hetta Sutliff.               |    |
|       | July 6.   | Cyrus Brown.                   |    |
|       |           | Patience Brown.                |    |
|       |           | ELIZABETH SPENGER.             |    |
| 1835. | March 31. | SARAH DICKINSON,               | L. |
|       |           | * Blinn Tyler,                 | L. |
|       |           | * Alice Tyler,                 | L. |
|       |           | † Alice A. (Tyler) Hallenbeck, | L. |
|       |           | * Theodore D. Pratt,           | L. |
| 1836. | March 4.  | RICHARD H. PRATT,              | L. |
|       | April 1.  | † Rev. H. R. Knapp,            | L. |
|       |           | † Mary Knapp,                  | L. |
|       |           | † John Butler.                 |    |
| 1837. | April 2.  | EMILY BRADDICK.                |    |



1837. April. 2. † John N. Braddick, L.  
 † Sarah Braddick.  
 NANCY BRADDICK.  
 John Boyce.
1838. March 25. \* Charlotte Tucker.  
 April 1. LAURA POST, E.  
 April 15. GEORGE BISHOP.  
 June 3. \* Elizabeth Stevens, L.
1839. March 31. \* Asa Parker.  
 LUCY BROWN.  
 April 6. ELSA DICKINSON, E.  
 \* Elmira Rose, L.
1840. March 3. CAROLINE POST.  
 April 1. \* Rev. W. Geo. Miller, L.  
 June 7. † Maria S. Miller, L.  
 † Hannah Dowling, L.  
 ANGELINE BUCKINGHAM, L.  
 KETURAH DAVIS, L.  
 Nov. 1. JOHN DICKINSON.  
 \* Charles Peck, L.  
 ASA H. ROSE, L.
1841. March 7. FRANCIS H. TIFFANY.  
 ALEXANDER HANNAH.  
 ASAHIEL C. BRADDICK.  
 † Rebecca Pratt.  
 CLORINDA (Gladwin) JENNINGS.  
 † Ann Maria Leet.  
 HARRIET (Post) WATERMAN.  
 † Sarah (Andrews) Heafford.  
 † David Miller.  
 JOSEPH DICKINSON.  
 † Emily Hayden. E.  
 April 5. \* Elijah Stevens.  
 † Henry D. Braddick.  
 WILLIAM P. SISSON.  
 † Charles C. Conklin, Jun.  
 SAMUEL M. MORLEY.  
 WILLIAM MCCRERY.  
 Francis W. Williams.  
 † William Whittimore.  
 † Samantha Clark.



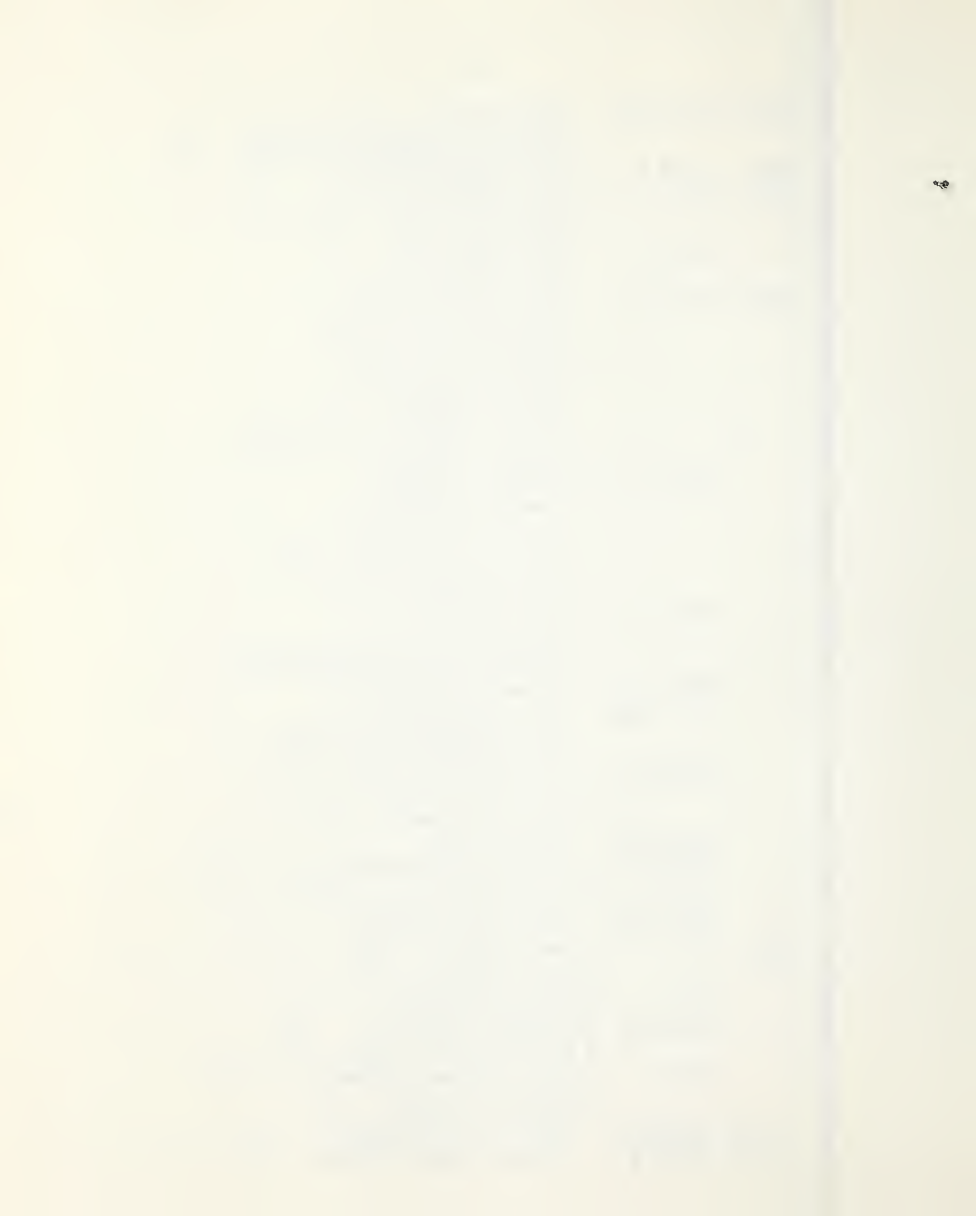


1841. April 5. \* Amelia L. (Turner) Clark.  
SARAH E. (Williams) PRATT.  
HARRIET C. (Williams) POST.  
JANE M. (Redfield) ROBINS.  
ANN J. (Redfield) PARMELEE.
- May 4. \* Mary Murray.  
Sarah B. Tooker, E.
12. JULIA CHAPMAN, I.
- June 6. LUCINDA ARNOLD, L.  
\* Amanda Williams.
- August 1. NOAH STARKEY, JUN.  
ALBERT GLADWIN.
1842. May MIRIAM (Tooker) TRIPP.
1843. January 1. NATHAN PRATT, E. ¶  
ORPPIA A. PRATT, E.  
Isaac T. Whittemore, E.
- April 2. RALPH BUCKINGHAM.  
FEDERICK W. WILLIAMS.  
PHILLIP TOOKER, 2D.  
† Fredrick Conklin.  
† Alonzo Buckingham.  
LEVI R. B. POST.  
AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS.  
ALBERT STARKEY.  
DOROTHY BISHOP.  
† Amanda M. Butler.  
CATHARINE WILLIAMS.  
MARIA TOOKER.  
ABBY POST.  
† Elizabeth (Manwarring) Thompson.  
† Lucy E. (Conklin) Bonner.  
MARY ANN (Braddick) TOOKER.  
ELIZA J. BRADDICK.  
† Jenette (Post) Child.  
MARY (Gladding) HILL.
- June 25. \* Henry Waterhouse.  
ESTHER WATERHOUSE.  
CHARLOTTE (Williams) BUSHNELL.  
† Polly Williams.

¶ First received by baptism August 12, 1821. Dismissed to East Haddam church 1823.



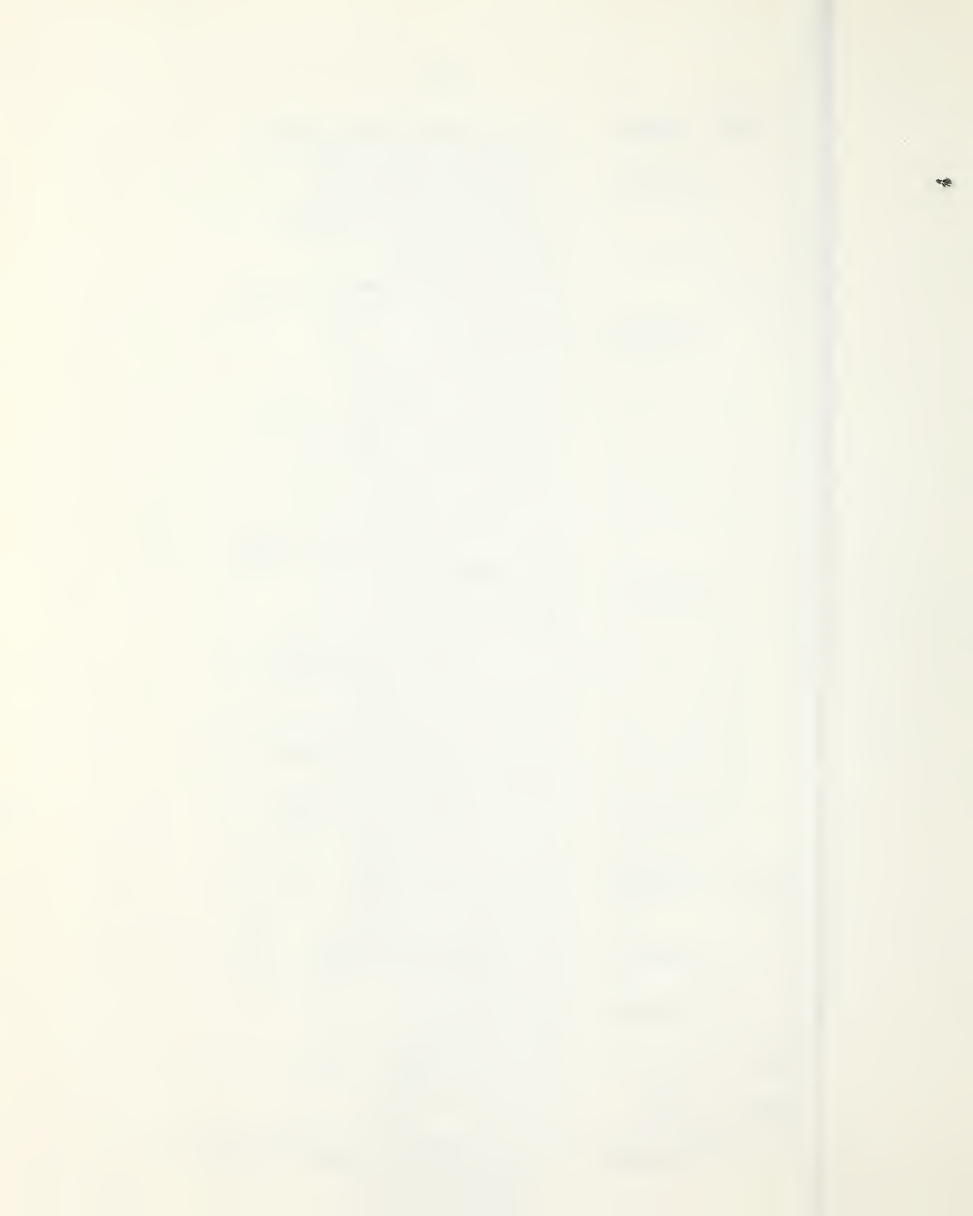
1843. June 25. EUNICE POST.  
JANE E. (Williams) WOOSTER, L.
1844. April 7. \* Clorinda Braddick.
1845. Nov. 1. † Rev. William H. Card, L.  
† Cornelia A. Card, L.
- Dec. 8. ELIZABETH POST.  
† Sarah Heafford, L.
1846. Feb. 22. ELIAS F. PARMELEE.  
NILES H. TOOKER, JUN.  
† Hugh M. Thompson.  
\* Jerusha H. Thompson.  
PHEBE PRESTON.  
HANNAH (Brockway) HOWARD.  
† William Heafford.
- March 1. † Joseph L. Johnson.  
\* Caroline Gladding.  
LUCRETIA ANDREWS.  
SILAS S. GLADWIN, L.  
\* Lucy Gladwin, L.
- March 8. † Charles H. Cornell.  
SARAH PRATT.  
TEMPERANCE (Parker) SPENCER.
- March 15. PHEBE (Tooker) GABB.  
29. ALEXANDER PRATT.  
SOPHIA (Parker) WILLIAMS.
- April 5. WILLIAM H. PHELPS, L.  
\* Jeremiah Gladwin, L.  
SARAH GLADWIN, L.
- April 26. EZRA D. POST.
- June 7. SUSAN H. (Parker) PRATT, L.
- July 5. † Lucretia Denison, L.
- Sept. 20. MARY ANN PARKER.
1847. Nov. † Rev. Henry Bromley, L.  
† Jane Bromley, L.
- Feb. 7. \* Elizabeth Heafford, L.
- March 6. † William Richardson, L.  
\* Mehitabel Richardson, L.
- May 3. † Rev. William G. Howard, L.  
† Ellen B. Howard, L.
- July 25. Sarah Ann Comstock,
1848. April 2. Timothy Greene Parker, L.



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|---------------|----------------------------------|----|
| 1848. Aug. 6. | † Lucius Lyon,                   | L. |
| 1850. Jan. 6. | LEVIAH L. (Hull) CHRYSTAL.       |    |
|               | LOVISA WADE.                     |    |
| 1850. Jan. 6. | BENJAMIN H. STEVENS,             | L. |
|               | FANNY STEVENS,                   | L. |
| Feb. 3.       | FRANCIS DEVLIN.                  |    |
|               | JARED E. REDFIELD.               |    |
|               | * Samuel Whitemore.              |    |
|               | CHAUNCEY SPENCER.                |    |
|               | LUTHER P. HAYDEN.                |    |
|               | ISABELLA S. (Post) HAYDEN.       |    |
|               | ISABELLA B. (Pratt) DEVLIN.      |    |
|               | CATHERINE (Bishop) DOLPH.        |    |
|               | † Nancy G. (Pratt) Miner.        |    |
|               | ELLEN (Gladwin) GLEASON.         |    |
|               | HARRIET A. BECKWITH.             |    |
|               | * Ellen V. Post.                 |    |
|               | James Post.                      | E. |
| Feb. 9.       | † Rev. Marvin Eastwood,          | L. |
|               | † Dorcas Eastwood,               | L. |
| Feb. 10.      | ELIZABETH (Dolph) WATROUS.       |    |
|               | LOIS G. WATERHOUSE.              |    |
|               | † Catherine E. Harding.          |    |
|               | † Ann R. (Beckwith) Wooding.     |    |
|               | † Sarah J. Johnson.              |    |
|               | † Oliver R. Post.                |    |
| Feb. 17.      | ALFRED A. PRATT.                 |    |
|               | † Henry Whitemore.               |    |
|               | † Henry A. Braddick.             |    |
|               | EMILY A. BRADDICK.               |    |
|               | MARY L. POST.                    |    |
|               | * Jane (Gladding) Wright.        |    |
|               | CECILIA G. WATERHOUSE.           |    |
|               | BENJAMIN A. GLADDING.            |    |
| Feb. 22.      | ELIAS E. PARKER.                 |    |
|               | HORACE M. PRATT.                 |    |
|               | ETHELBERT D. POST.               |    |
| Feb. 24.      | † George W. Califf.              |    |
|               | * Alphonso Comstock.             |    |
|               | † Caroline C. (Comstock) DeWolf. |    |
|               | HARRIET KELSEY.                  |    |



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| 1850. Feb. 24.  | FRANCES M. WHITEMORE.<br>ELIZABETH WILLIAMS.  |
| March 5.        | JOSIAH S. DICKENSON.<br>CHRISTOPHER B. HARDING.<br>TEMPERANCE A. POST.<br>BELA C. POST.<br>SAMUEL HEAFFORD, E.<br>ELIZABETH HEAFFORD, E.  |
| March 31.       | * Isaac Cobb.<br>* Frances E. Cobb.<br>* Eunice B. Grumley.<br>Charles S. Munger.<br>ADELAIDE B. POST.<br>JOHN R. REDFIELD.<br>GURDON L. SMITH.<br>Henry M. Stillman.<br>SUSAN T. (Strong) BUSHNELL.<br>* Elizabeth Whittimore. |
| April 7.        | THOMAS CRYSTAL.<br>* Thomas Grumley.<br>JANE (Langdon) RANKIN.<br>AUGUSTA C. (Post) SMALL.<br>SYLVANUS T. POST.<br>HORACE P. PARKER.<br>ABBY L. (Smith) PERKINS.<br>SAMUEL O. TUCKER.<br>† Mary J. (Williams) Fuller.           |
| June 2.         | LUCRETIA PARKER, L.<br>HENRY A. JOHNSON, L.   |
| 1851. April 21. | OBADIAH SPENCER, L.<br>ESTHER H. SPENCER, L.   <br>CARNOT O. SPENCER, L.  |
| October.        | † Rev. Joseph A. Bailey, L.<br>† Jane A. Bailey, L.   |
| December.       | † Emory Lyon, L.<br>* Mary C. Lyon, L.  |
| 1852. Dec. 4.   | Mary E. Hovey, L.<br>† Catharine Gordon, L.   |
| 1853. March.    | JOSEPH C. POST.   |

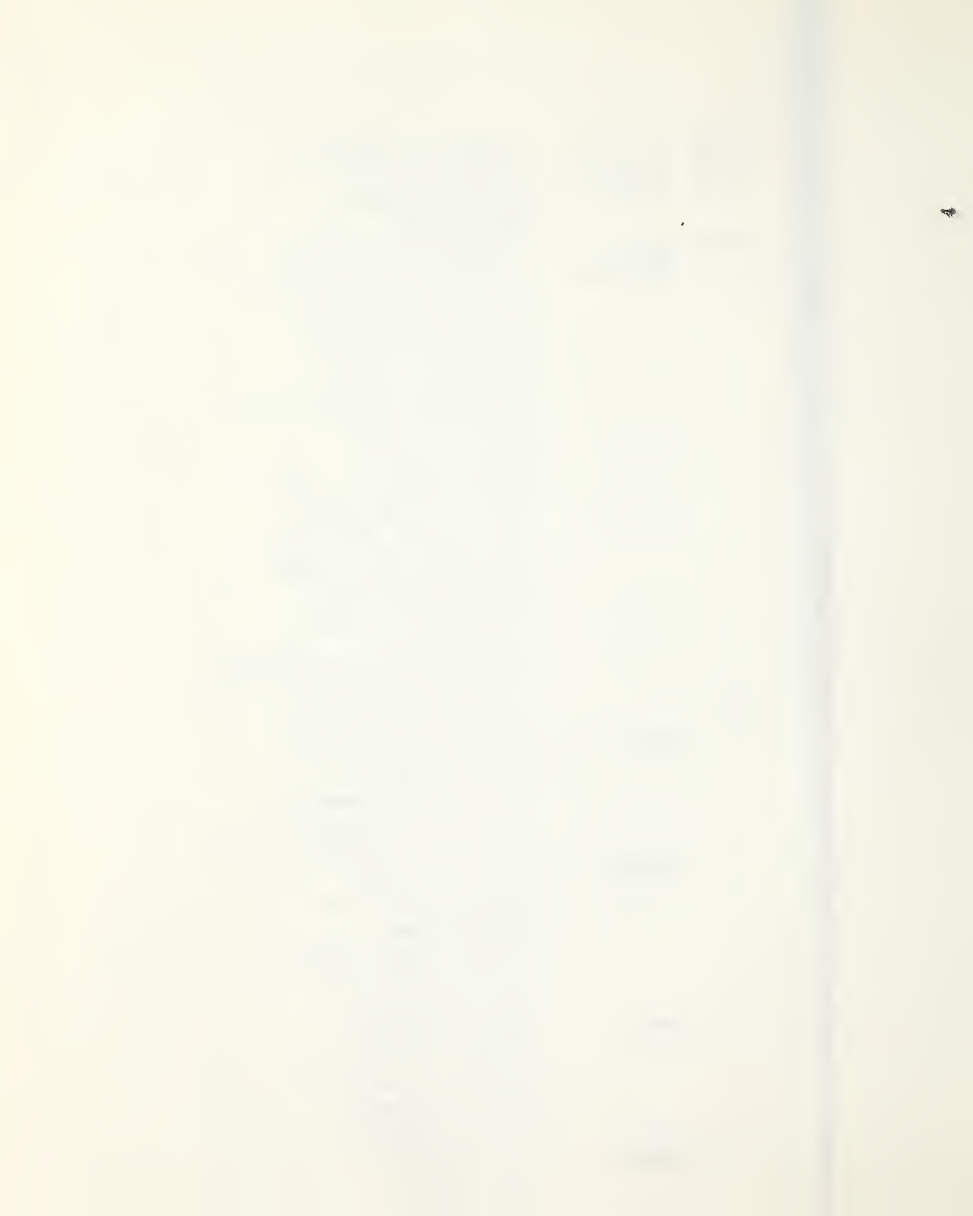




1853. June 6. H. GOODWIN PARKER.  
 July 3. LOUISE DICKINSON.  
 December 3. HORACE L. PRATT, L.  
 \* Phineas Pratt, L.
1854. Feb. 5. † Oliver W. Chapman, L.  
 March 12. CLORINDA (Braddick) NICKLE.  
 April 2. MARY ANN CHAMPION.  
 † James S. Newell, L.  
 † Jane Newell, L.  
 ELIZA PENFIELD, L.  
 May 7. † Abby P. (Hough) Wightman.  
 CYNTHIA (Starkey) HUTCHINSON.  
 May 28. \* John Miner.  
 † Jesse N. Braddick.  
 June. ALMIRA C. POST.  
 WILLIAM C. HOUGH.  
 Nov. 5. CHARLES NEWTON, L.  
 ELIZA NEWTON, L.  
 † Uriah N. Gordon, L.  
 † Emeline Gordon, L.  
 † Denison P. Grant, L.  
 † Emma J. Grant, L.  
 † Belinda (Miner) Braddick, L.
1855. March 4. † Belinda (Miner) Braddick, L.
1856. Feb. 2. † Rev. Silas Ilsley, L.  
 † Lucy Ilsley, L.  
 † S. Harding Ilsley, L.  
 March 2. MARIE J. SPENCER, L.  
 March 16. EZRA L. CHAPMAN.  
 † Edward A. Goddard.  
 R. ELMER WHITTEMORE.  
 † Harriet Chapman.  
 ELIZABETH BRADDICK.  
 † Eliza J. Newell.  
 \* Jane M. Whittemore.
- April 6. JOSEPH PAGE.  
 LUTHER BRADDICK.  
 CARROL J. POST.  
 JULIA H. (Starkey) GODDARD.  
 ELIZA (Pratt) STILLMAN.
- June 22. \* William Ferris.



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| 1856. | June 22.   | SARAH L. DICKINSON.          |
| 1857. | August 30. | LOUISE REDFIELD.             |
| 1858. | Feb. 7.    | † Robert R. Pratt, L.        |
|       |            | † Mary Pratt, L.             |
| 1858. | Feb. 7     | JOSEPH S. BROCKWAY, L.       |
|       | March 28.  | CATHARINE BUCKINGHAM.        |
|       |            | MARIA BUCKINGHAM.            |
|       |            | LYDIA BUCKINGHAM.            |
|       |            | † Sarah A. Newell.           |
|       |            | † E. Bradley Chadburn.       |
|       |            | GEORGE M. POST.              |
|       |            | † Lewis C. Ilsley.           |
|       | April 4.   | † Noah A. Smith, L.          |
|       |            | † Philura Smith, L.          |
|       | April 11.  | THOMAS J. STILLMAN.          |
|       |            | MARCENA M. WILLIAMS.         |
|       |            | THOMAS M. WILLIAMS.          |
|       |            | EDWARD WILLIAMS.             |
|       |            | BENAZET A. HOUGH.            |
|       |            | JAMES YOUNG.                 |
|       |            | LUCRETIA M. (Tooker) LOOMIS. |
|       |            | AUGUSTA BROCKWAY.            |
|       |            | KATHLEEN BROCKWAY.           |
|       | April 18.  | HUDSON E. GLADWIN.           |
|       |            | † John H. Hayden.            |
|       |            | EMORY T. BUCKINGHAM.         |
|       |            | HARRIET DICKINSON, L.        |
|       |            | CATHARINE A. FERRIS, E.      |
|       | May 16.    | GIDEON PARKER.               |
|       |            | HENRY C. WOOSTER.            |
|       |            | ABBY S. POST.                |
|       |            | SUSAN S. (Pratt) GROVER.     |
|       |            | CAROLINE WHEELER.            |
|       |            | FRANCES STEVENS.             |
|       | June 6.    | CHARLES BRAMBLE.             |
|       |            | WILLIAM P. GLADWIN.          |
|       |            | HARRY S. MORGAN.             |
|       |            | ARTHUR BRADDICK.             |
|       |            | CORNELIA MORLEY.             |
|       | August.    | SILAS C. BEEBE, L.           |
|       |            | MARY BEEBE.                  |



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| 1858. October.   | JULIA E. PRATT.           |
| November.        | AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS, JR.    |
| 1859. January 2. | ANTOINETTE BRADDICK.      |
| 1859. January 2. | † Edward B. Braddick.     |
|                  | JUDSON A. PRATT.          |
|                  | GILBERT WILLIAMS.         |
|                  | SUSAN B. POST.            |
| May 2.           | MARY A. (Hough) REDFIELD. |
| 1860. October.   | JOHN E. ROCKWELL, L. ¶    |
|                  | IRA H. WHEELER, L.        |
|                  | ADAM M. WHEELER, L.       |
| November.        | † Adele L. Robinson, L.   |
|                  | DAVID BISHOP, L.          |
| 1861. January 6. | GILES POTTER, L.          |
|                  | MARTHA W. POTTER, L.      |
| June 2.          | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, L.   |
| 1862. March 30.  | HARRIET TOOKER.           |
|                  | SUSAN TOOKER.             |
|                  | WILLIAM A. BACON.         |
|                  | ELLEN BACON.              |
|                  | LOUISA T. WHITTEMORE.     |
|                  | ABBIE L. POST.            |
|                  | GRACE S. HOUGH.           |
|                  | HELEN A. TIFFANY.         |
|                  | SARAH M. TIFFANY.         |
|                  | LUCRETIA SISSON.          |
|                  | MARY E. WATROUS, E.       |
| April 6.         | ELIPHALET POST.           |
|                  | GURDON H. POST.           |
|                  | WILLIAM LANG.             |
|                  | THEODORE FORDHAM.         |
|                  | FREDERIC HOLMES.          |
|                  | ALBERT U. PLATTS.         |
|                  | STELLA V. MORLEY.         |
|                  | RHODA A. WILLIAMS.        |
|                  | EUNICE HARRINGTON.        |
|                  | SARAH WATERS.             |
|                  | ELIZA E. BUSHNELL.        |

¶ First received by baptism April 9, 1830; dismissed to Deep River the same year.



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| 1862. April 6. | SARAH B. PRATT.        |    |
|                | SUSAN J. BUSHNELL.     |    |
| April 20.      | ELIZABETH J. BUSHNELL. |    |
| April 20.      | FREDRICK W. DOLPH.     |    |
|                | JAMES H. BISHOP.       |    |
| April 20.      | IRWIN POST.            |    |
|                | ABBY LAPLASS.          |    |
| May 4.         | MARTHA JACKSON.        |    |
|                | EMILY HOADLEY.         |    |
|                | JANE BELL.             |    |
|                | ALICE E. WATERHOUSE.   |    |
|                | SARAH E. BUCKINGHAM.   |    |
|                | S. LOUISE BRADDICK.    |    |
| May 31.        | GURDON ROBINS, JR.,    | L. |
| June 9.        | REV. M. A. CUMMINGS.   | L. |
| July 5.        | JULIA CAULKINS,        | E. |

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## SUMMARY.

|                                |   |   |   |        |
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| Number of constituent members, | - | - | - | 68     |
| Admitted by baptism,           | - | - | - | 436    |
| Admitted by letter,            | - | - | - | 107    |
| Admitted by experience,        | - | - | - | 10     |
| Total,                         | - | - | - | 621    |
| Deceased,                      | - | - | - | 163    |
| Dismissed by letter,           | - | - | - | 151    |
| Excluded, (and not restored,)  | - | - | - | 33—347 |
| Present number,                | - | - | - | 274    |

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|| Since the names were copied, Mrs. Eunice Braddick has died, August 14, 1862, aged 87 years.

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